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A NEW CRISISFRANCE
CALLS UP
EXPERTSParis, To-day.
Military technicians, particularly of three classes of engineering experts, have been called from factories and despatched to the Maginot Line.MILITARY
DECREE ISSUED
IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The French Cabinet met last night and issued the first of the decree laws, which in addition to providing for retaining additional forces with the Colours, increases the hours of employment in armaments factories from 45 hours to 60 hours weekly.

Immediately after the Cabinet meeting, there was a conference at the War Office between M. Daladier, General Nogues (the Resident-General in Morocco), the Commander-in-Chief in Algiers, the Resident-General of Tunisia, and the Chief of the General Staff.

SOUTH AFRICA
REMAINS ON
QUI VIVE

Capetown, To-day.

The Commander-in-Chief at Simonstown declared yesterday that there had been no naval mobilisation in South Africa.

Meanwhile the special precautions to prevent Nazi-fostered disturbances, continue.

Armed police guarded an Italian liner at East London yesterday, and only passengers were allowed on board.

This precaution is stated to be normal, similar steps having been taken during the September crisis.

ROME END OF
AXIS TO MAKE
NEXT MOVE?

London, To-day.

"What Next?" remains the question on all lips to-day as conviction grows that the apparent relaxation of tension represents the lull before a new storm rather than an improved atmosphere.

Mussolini's speech on Sunday is expected to furnish the next occasion for fireworks, though Italy is expecting, before that, that Herr Hitler will make a gesture in support of the Italian claims.

Meanwhile, what "Intransigent" in Paris terms Britain's "Crusade Against Hitler," which is an interpretation of the British initiative that would not obtain official sanction, has captured British imagination and has been received with almost unanimous public approval.

Special attention has been paid to those passages in Lord Halifax's speech when he dealt with the question of collective security, and the dangers facing small independent states and said: "When the scales are tipped against the rule of law, the argument for increasing the scale of our obligations is irresistible."

HITLER DOES NOT WAIT

The "Daily Telegraph" commenting on the need for an immediate understanding between the anti-aggressor nations, declares: Hitler does not wait for other people to make up their minds. No time must be lost in reaching the necessary decisions.

The "News-Chronicle" says it is a relief to find Britain making her voice heard a little more strongly. Herr Hitler must be told thus far and no farther.

FURTHER CONSULTATIONS

Further long talks yesterday between Lord Halifax and foreign Ambassadors, including M. Maisky (Soviet), M. Corbin (France) and Mr. Joseph Kennedy (United States) have increased speculation on reports of plans to form a common front against Nazi aggression.

As yet there is no official confirmation of wider commitments between Britain, France and Russia and the States of South-East Europe, but some understanding is considered certain.

It is known that the Soviet Government proposed, in the course of diplomatic exchanges in Moscow, an immediate confer-

ence between the United States, Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia to discuss the position in Central Europe and the advisability of close collaboration, but the United States declares that no invitation to take part has been received.

NO KNOWLEDGE

Mr. Sumner Wells stated in Washington that the State Department had no knowledge of any Four-Power Pact proposal.

The Berlin press talks of democracy's hysterical rallying to a military alliance to encircle Germany.

In Washington, Sir Ronald

NAZI TROOPS
MASS IN
EAST PRUSSIA

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

M. JOSEPH URBEYD, THE LITHUANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, CALLED ON HERR VON RIBBENTROP AT THE WILHELMSTRASSE YESTERDAY, AND DISCUSSED THE MEMEL QUESTION.

No communique has been issued concerning the nature or results of their talk.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

In Berlin political circles (says Trans-Ocean) it is "assumed" that they discussed closer economic collaboration between Lithuania and Germany.

Foreign reports from East Prussia allege that German troops on the Lithuanian frontier have been steadily reinforced in the last two or three days.

Lindsay spent nearly two hours with Mr. Sumner Wells at the State Department.

In Paris, M. Bonnet saw the British, Soviet, Rumanian and American Ambassadors. Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

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CHINA TRADE WELL WORTH PRESERVING

Government Explains Chinese Currency Bill

London, To-day.

Moving the second reading of the Chinese Currency Bill in the House of Commons yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, declared that while the total British trade with China was not a large percentage of the total world trade, it was well worth preserving and assisting especially because China had an immense population and a small increase of purchases per head made an enormous difference.

The outbreak of hostilities was a severe test of the currency system adopted in 1935.

The Chinese adopted very well devised technical measures and the Chinese abroad supported their currency with remittances, subscriptions and war loans.

Last year's currency measures, putation and tradition of the Chinese in this matter."

Mr. Pethick Lawrence (Labour) supported the Bill because it provided an incentive to British trade and particularly because it gave China definite support in her struggle against Japan.

FURTHER SUPPORT

The time might come when the Government would do well to consider how far it could take other action to strengthen the Chinese and prevent the Japanese attempting a stranglehold.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) in support, said that he regretted that the Government was approaching the matter in far too narrow a spirit. He thought we would have to do far more to secure the free entry of British trade in that part of the world.

Mr. Mander added that the Government was actually carrying out one of the League's resolutions.

TORY REGRETS

Mr. R. J. G. Boothby (Conservative) only regretted that this assistance had not come sooner and was not more substantial.

Mr. Ellis Smith (Labour), moving the rejection of the Bill, argued that it was impossible to check fluctuations unless a different political and economic policy was pursued by the Government in the Far East.

He accused the Government of failing to take the lead in humanitarian assistance to the Chinese people because they had not wanted to offend Japan, and said that Government policy in the past eight years had been to do a deal with the aggressor at the expense of the victim.

Mr. J. J. Tinker (National Labour), in seconding the amendment, declared that what was now being done was the result of our not making a stand when Japan invaded China.

HEARTENING CHINA

Major J. J. Astor (Conservative) said he hoped the amendment would not be pressed and said that nothing would more hearten the Chinese Government and people than that the House should pass the Bill unanimously.

Mr. W. A. Burke (National Labour), who represents a Lancashire constituency, said that they had to be very thankful for any conces-

sion, however small, towards retaining the cotton trade and helping them to maintain markets they had got. He believed, however, in a long war, and that Japan's struggles would really begin when the war was over.

If the amendment was pressed to a division, he would vote for the Government.

TO SUPPORT TRADE

Mr. F. J. Bellenger (National Labour) said that if the purpose of the Bill was to foster Sino-British trade, he would support it.

Sir John Simon then intervened and gave an assurance that that was the purpose of the Bill.

Mr. Bellenger then asked whether the fund would be operated in co-operation with the United States and France similarly to the tripartite agreement.

Sir John Simon replied that in different forms, efforts to assist the financial situation in China had been made by other Governments. For example, the American Government had been purchasing considerable quantities of silver but as far as this particular proposal was concerned, he must ask the House to accept it as our contribution.

DISTINCT HELP

Capt. Euan Wallace, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying to the debate, said that the Opposition speakers admitted that the sum of £10,000,000 would be the most effective for the purpose. It had also been recognised in debate that the Chinese currency was not at present tottering. It had been stable for some time and very well supported from inside.

Denying a suggestion that this was a proposal not for private banks, he said that the reason they were associating these four banks in the management fund was because they were able to dispose an immense amount of ability and experience in this particular job and they also had the great merit of being on the spot.

Whatever the Government might or might not have done in the past to help the Chinese, there was not the slightest doubt that the Bill would be a distinct and very great help to China and he hoped the Bill would be unanimously supported because this would have a considerable psychological effect on China.

CURRENCY PLAN

Capt. Wallace, referring to the Japanese currency plan in North China, and the British Government's protest in this connection, added that what perhaps was more comforting was that those best qualified to judge, were inclined to think that that the plan would, in practice, break down.

If an attempt were made to alter the dollar rate from 8½d to 1½d, the immediate result seemed likely to be the complete cessation of export trade and it seemed that Chinese legal tender currency would continue in circulation everywhere except in towns and along railways where Japanese control was effective.

TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG

Capt. Wallace stated that the place of operation of the fund would be Hong Kong and £10,000,000 would be subscribed immediately and as far as £10,000,000. Before it would be required for the purchase of Chinese dollars it

is to be invested in sterling here and the interest on it available to help the Chinese banks to pay the interest due to British banks. Interest at 2-3/4 per cent. was agreed on at present.

If the agreement was renewed after a year, a higher or lower rate of interest might be appropriate.

The reason why an up-to-limit rate of interest was not stated in the Bill was that the agreement might continue for a number of years and "we do not want to keep coming back to the House for authority."

The Commons, without division, passed the second reading of the Bill, and the accompanying money resolution was agreed to without discussion.—Reuter.

CROAT LEADER ON MINORITY PROBLEM

Belgrade, To-day.

The Croat leader, Dr. Matschek, stated to press representatives yesterday that no conversations had hitherto taken place between the Zytkovitch Cabinet and himself regarding a solution of the Croat question.

Dr. Matschek emphasised that under no circumstances would he abandon certain demands considered as the irreducible minimum, namely, a federal constitution for Croatia within existing frontiers under the rule of the Karageorgevitch Dynasty, self-determination of the Croats within the borders of the Croat State, and the placing of Croats de facto on an equal level with other peoples forming the Yugo-Slav Kingdom.

Foreign affairs must be conducted by a Central Government at Belgrade with due regard to the interests of Croatia.

Dr. Matschek added that although no time limit had been assigned for the fulfilment of these demands he hoped that official circles in Belgrade would soon take necessary measures for giving satisfaction to Croat claims.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH TROOPS CALLED OUT IN DAMASCUS

Damascus, To-day.

French troops have occupied strategic points in Damascus following the decision of the French Government to take over all powers necessary to maintain internal security.

The chief of police has resigned and the head of the gendarmerie has been appointed in his place. Several were injured in a clash between police and demonstrators who were returning from the funeral of a man killed in a previous disturbance.—Reuter.

HALIFAX PAYS TRIBUTE TO CZECHS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THERE WAS AN UNUSUAL LARGE ATTENDANCE OF PEERS TO HEAR THE STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD HALIFAX, IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO SPEECHES BY THE OPPOSITION LEADERS, LORD SNELL AND LORD CREWE.

Lord Halifax paid a tribute to the Czechoslovak authorities, whose police had received orders to act, and in fact did act, with great restraint in the face of great provocation.

The Foreign Secretary said that 20 years ago the people of Czechoslovakia recovered their liberties with the support and encouragement of the greater part of the world. They had now been deprived of them by violence.

In the course of their long history this would not be the first time this tenacious, valiant and industrious people had lost their independence, but they had never lost that which was the foundation of independence—love of liberty—and meanwhile, just as after the last War the world watched the emergence of the Czech nation, so it would watch to-day their efforts to preserve intact their cultural identity and, more important, their spiritual freedom under the last and most cruel blow of which they had been the victims.—British Wireless.

An attractive album of photographs, entitled "Hong Kong — an Outpost of Empire," has been produced by Messrs Kelly and Walsh and is now on sale at \$1.

AIR FLEETS TO FLY ON COAL

BRITISH OIL SENSATION

Britain's air fleets of the future may fly on synthetic petrol, the product of Britain's semi-derelict coalfields. Such is the possibility opened up by activities in the little mining village of Glenboig, Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Here, a demonstration plant is making synthetic oil from coal — at the rate of 200 gallons a day. The product is a crude oil which splits up into 50 per cent. motor spirit, 40 per cent. diesel oil, and 10 per cent. lubricating oil.

The motor spirit, with the addition of appropriate amounts of tetra ethyl lead, becomes an aeroplane spirit comparable with the highest grade, such as is used in the fastest military machines.

The crude synthetic oil made by the demonstration plant at present costs 9d. a gallon. But it is claimed that once the process is working directly at the pit-heads, by collieries giving their entire output over to oil production, the cost per gallon will fall to at most 6d.

Motor spirit can be imported at 4½d. a gallon. The Government, however, guarantees a preference of 8d. a gallon to home-produced motor spirit and diesel oil.

This, on the comparatively low costs of the synthetic process, brings home production into the sphere of commercial enterprise.

Imported motor spirit stored for any prolonged period "gums," and may have to be refined again. Synthetic petrol does not "gum." Such a point has obvious military importance.

The demonstration plant is working on a new British process which, its sponsors say, may revolutionise the oil situation in England.

RESCUING THE COALFIELDS

Its managing director Mr. E. B. Whalley, claims that here, at last, is an economical and efficient synthetic process, the development of which would mean rescuing the semi-derelict coalfields of Great Britain, which should henceforward be regarded as our chief sources of oil supply.

The Labour Party's report on "Oil from Coal" made a favourable comment on this process, recommending the erection of six plants.

Since then it has been improved by the introduction of a sulphur-resisting catalyst, and the semi-commercial plant has been erected at the Bedlay Colliery, Glenboig.

Broadly, the position, as Mr. Whalley explains it, is this. There are three older methods of making oil from coal, all of which seem to have failed. High and low temperature carbonisation are too expensive. At Billingham, a big plant is working at temperatures and pressures that eat through steel like mice-eating cheese.

The other process is the German Fischer and Tropach process, in which certain British collieries have taken an interest.

This one is expensive, and, even in Germany, the plant is now being used almost entirely for the production of chemicals and edible

and other fats. There seems no likelihood of its being used here.

By contrast, the synthetic oil process is simple. It works at a temperature of about 180 degrees centigrade, at pressures not much higher than that of the atmosphere.

Its raw material is coke—almost any sort of coke, made from any sort of coal. In other processes metallurgical coke has been used. This has two disadvantages—one, that it is dear; the other it uses up a valuable raw material.

The synthetic oil process saves colliery expenses in grading, screening, and cleaning the coal. Coke made from dirty coal is good enough for its purpose.

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

From the coke, ordinary blue water gas is obtained (not the purified water gas of other processes). This is converted into a crude oil, which fractionates as indicated above.

Special properties are claimed for the lubricating oil. It has a great temperature range—that is to say, it would be suitable for aeroplanes which fly in a few minutes from a temperate zone near the ground to a frigid zone in the upper air.

Crude synthetic oil need not be made into motor spirit, but can be cracked up into a number of valuable solvents, waxes, and other products.

But the importance of the motor spirit, which can be turned into aeroplane spirit, is obvious.

"It is hard to find out," said Mr. Whalley, "what the Government pays for its 'octane 88 petrol.' Presumably, it pays no duty. Even so, I have been told that it pays 3s. 6d. a gallon. If it paid only 1s. 6d. a gallon, that would give a price well inside our scope."

"We don't argue only from military necessity," said Mr. Whalley. "What we argue is that for normal peace-time needs our coalfields should be regarded as oil sources."

Compared with 1913, British coal output is down by 45 million tons. This would convert into 7,500,000 tons of synthetic oil.

Britain's annual oil consumption is about 11,000,000 tons. Experts believe it would take years before coal could be converted on this scale. But it is argued that that only makes a stronger case for beginning the job soon.

HITLER'S HOME

Small girls in a North German town who were being examined recently before becoming pastry-cooks and bakers' assistants were subjected to an "all political examination" by a local Nazi functionary.

One of the questions asked was: "Where does the Fuehrer live?" One girl replied, "In Berchtesgaden." Another said, "In the Chancellery in Berlin." A third, thinking of the private flat in the Prinz Regentenstrasse, answered, "In Munich."

Swelling slightly, the examiner gave the correct reply in appropriately severe tones: "Adolf Hitler lives in the heart of every German."

NO DOUBT OF CANADA'S DECISION

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.

SPEAKING IN THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PREMIER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, SAID IF THERE WERE PROSPECTS OF AN AGGRESSOR ATTACKING BRITAIN, THERE WAS NO DOUBT OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE'S DECISION.

They would regard it as an act of aggression menacing the freedom

MARKED CHANGE IN COMMONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A MARKED CHANGE IN PARLIAMENTARY OPINION HAS OCCURRED OVER THE WEEK-END, MAINLY DUE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH AT BIRMINGHAM.

Opposition criticism previously expressed has undergone a change, and when the Premier entered the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, some members of both Opposition parties joined in the cheers of his own supporters.

There is a crystallisation of feeling among members of all parties that the time has come for the country to take a firm stand, and it is certain that any action in that direction will have the support of the Opposition as well as Government members.

There are no indications yet of a coalition between the Labour Party and the Government, but there is less disposition among the Opposition to say that Mr. Chamberlain must go.—Reuter.

GERMANY IN UNIFORM

Nearly one-third of the male population of Germany is now in uniform, declared Hans Schwarz, the national leader of uniform tailors speaking at Weimar.

of all parts of the British Commonwealth.

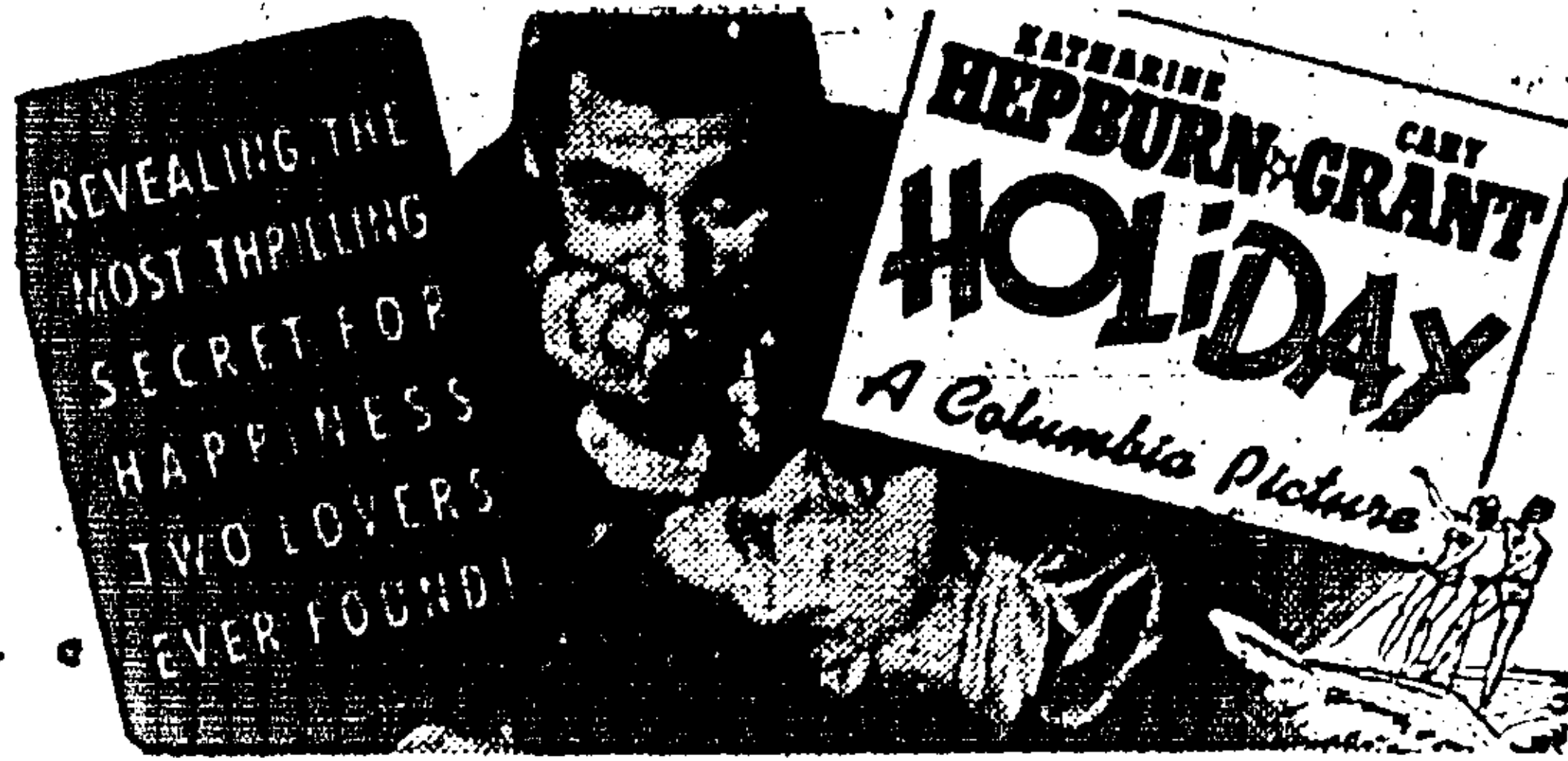
On the other hand, it was a case of a dispute over trade or prestige in some far corner of the world, that would raise a different consideration.—Reuter.

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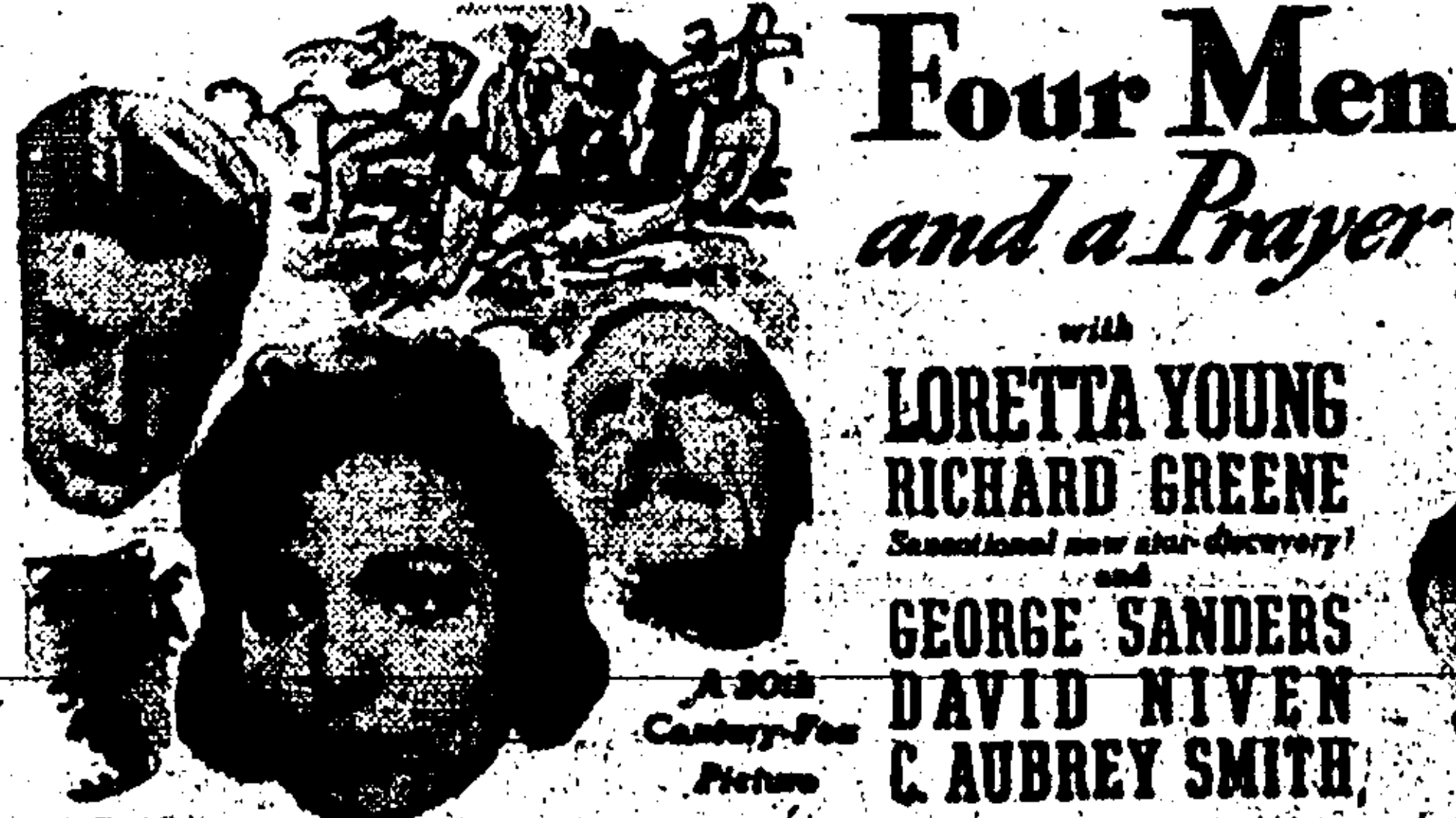
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**THREE MEN
GET HEAVY
SENTENCES**

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE HEROIN PILLS FORMED THE SUBJECT OF A CHARGE AGAINST THREE CHINESE, LEUNG PING, LEUNG CHUNG-LING AND LI CHI-KWONG, WHO WERE UNANIMOUSLY FOUND GUILTY BY THE JURY AND SENTENCED TO TWO AND A HALF YEARS' HARD LABOUR BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING.

First accused pleaded guilty, while second and third denied the charge, second accused being represented by the Honourable Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. D. McCallum.

On behalf of the prosecution, Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, stated that Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern with Chinese Revenue officers raided the premises on February 10.

Mr. Ahern broke open a cubicle and found three baskets. First defendant said he had no keys to these either as persons came to the premises and opened the baskets themselves. Being opened the baskets were found to contain heroin pills. The second and third defendants called at the premises during the course of the day and were arrested. Second defendant had a key which fitted the basket containing 53,000 pills and third defendant had keys to all the baskets. Revenue Officer Stephens inspected the premises and found another packet of pills. The contents were analysed by Mr. A. H. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst.

At the Police Court, third defendant said he was asked to go to the premises and get some goods by one Lui Luk-sin. He had done this trip for Lui before and suspected that the baskets contained heroin pills.

Evidence of the raid and discovery of the "heroin clearing house" was given by R.O. W. V. Ahern, C.R.O. Ho Wah, R.O. J. W. Stephens, and Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, after which second accused testified in the witness-box.

The jury retired for ten minutes and returned a verdict of guilty.

**SAPPERS ON
ASSAULT CHARGE**

Sappers William John Gardiner and David E. Alison, were again remanded by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with assault.

Another sapper, Thomas Marney, 19, of the same Regiment, was brought up this morning, in connection with the case.

It was alleged that three defendants assaulted Yip Ming-chun, a mechanic of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., and his wife Lui Wai-ying, outside No. 158 Lockhart Road, at about 12.30 p.m. on Friday last.

Hearing of the case was fixed for March 23, at 11.30 a.m.

Sergeant T. Cashman is in charge of the case.

**MUTE STEALS
FROM BANK**

Wong Chu-chau, 27, a dumb Chinese, was brought before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with stealing \$770 in Chinese currency from the To Hung Chinese Bank, at No. 11 Bonham Strand East, on Thursday.

Defendant was convicted and sentenced to six months, but sentence is to be suspended for one year if defendant stays in Swatow and does not return within the period.

Detective Sub-Inspector Hopkins prosecuted.

**GAMBLERS FAIL
TO APPEAR**

None of twelve persons who were arrested by a police party under Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron, in a common gaming house in Nam Chang Street last night, were present before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy to answer the charges.

Total bail of \$49 was accordingly estreated.

**DRIZZLE OR
RAIN**

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to move eastward and is now centred over South Japan and the adjacent seas. A shallow depression is moving eastward over South Formosa. Pressure remains relatively low over Siam.

Local forecast:—East winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, occasional drizzle or rain.

**VOROSHIN IN
BELGRADE**

Belgrade, To-day: Monsignore Voroshin, the former Premier of Carpatho-Ukraine, arrived in Belgrade early yesterday morning. He is staying at the hotel Belgrade. —Trans-Ocean.

**A.R.P. WARDEN
LECTURES**

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that a course of Air Raid Warden lectures will be given by Mr. Chak Tai Kwong in the Chinese language at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Caine Road, commencing at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th March, 1939.

It is important that those members of the public who intend to volunteer for Air Raid Warden duties should make a point of attending the first and all subsequent lectures.

Miss Jean Rawstone, of No. 6 Cornwall Road, was bitten by a dog owned by Major G. P. Murray, at No. 377 the Peak yesterday. She is under the treatment of Dr. Barton of the R. A. M. C., and the dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

Memel Germans To Make Three Demands To Lithuania

Memel, To-day.

Reports are widely current that the Memel Germans are contemplating presentation of far-reaching demands to Lithuania.

Both sides deny that demands have been presented, but the following demands are anticipated:

Lithuania to hand to Memel control of posts, telegraphs, railways and other communications, as well as income from harbour dues.

Dismissed Memel German State officials to be reinstated and back salaries paid, and

The Lithuanian garrison and frontier police to be withdrawn.—
Reuter.

In the House of Commons yesterday (says British Wireless from London), the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said the position in the Memel district of Lithuania was being closely watched.

LORDS & COMMONS TO WELCOME M. LEBRUN

London, To-day.

The celebrations in honour of President Lebrun, who will be the guest of the British Government in London from Tuesday to Friday, have been extended, according to "The Times."

The House of Commons and the House of Lords will give a joint reception for the French President and Madame Lebrun on Thursday. The French guests will be welcomed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Maugham, and the Speaker of the House of Commons.—
Trans-Ocean.

CZECH DIPLOMATS TO ATTEND LONDON FUNCTIONS

London, To-day.

The diplomatic representatives of Czechoslovakia will attend in rank held so far the celebrations being planned in London in connection with the State visit of President Lebrun according to an announcement made in London by "The Times."

The paper's diplomatic correspondent writes that the question of recognition and further diplomatic rights and privileges to the Czech representatives has not been definitely settled.

The problem has been submitted for solution to experts of international law in the Foreign Office.—
Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE AND ANTI-NAZI FRONT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE "PETIT PARISIEN," WHICH GENERALLY IS REGARDED AS THE MOUTH-PIECE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, CARRIES A HEADLINE ACROSS THE ENTIRE FRONT PAGE "FRONT AGAINST HITLER DANGER."

A London report from the diplomatic correspondent of the "Petit Journal" is headed "Great British diplomatic offensive against German danger."

Great importance is attributed from the French point of view to Mr. Anthony Eden's alleged imminent re-entry into the British Cabinet.

Special emphasis is also laid on the possibility of early introduction of military conscription in England. In addition the plea is made that "France, England, the United States and Soviet Russia should now stand together to meet the Reich's measures of force."

The conservative "Journal" investigates the question as to "what measures could have been taken against the reincorporation of Bohemia and Moravia into the Reich" and points out "there still exists the text which promises aid to any European power exposed to danger or attack. This Article 10 of the League of Nations Statute which promises assistance to any attacked victim." —
Trans-Ocean.

GENERAL NOGUES REPORTS

Paris, To-day.

General Nogues, the French Resident-General of Morocco, who recently has been making an extensive tour of inspection of all fortifications and French defence systems in Tunisia, returned to France yesterday afternoon by air arriving in Toulouse from Casablanca.

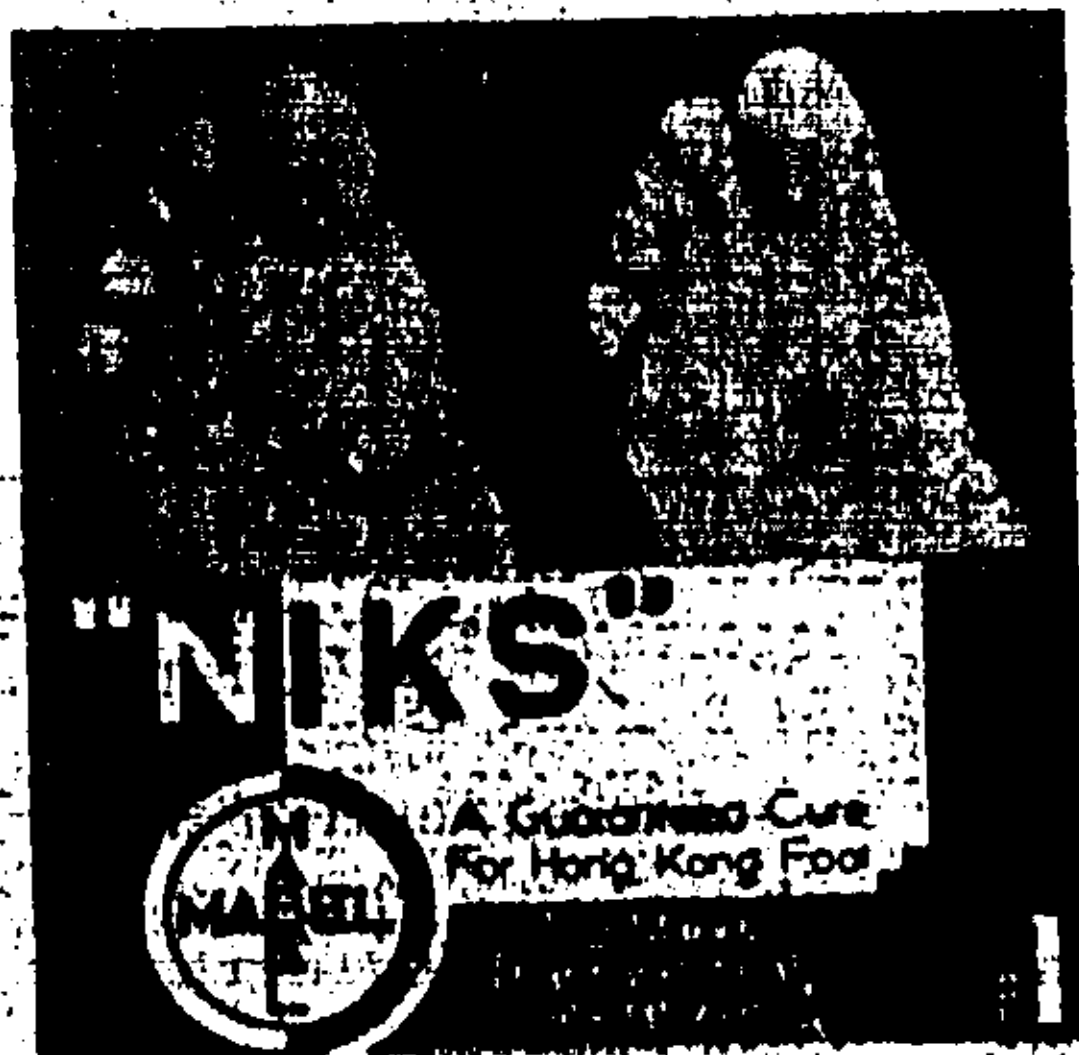
General Nogues immediately proceeded on his journey to Paris where important negotiations will be held with members of the French Cabinet.—
Trans-Ocean.

JAP. ARMADA COMING SOUTH?

Shanghai, To-day.

An armada of over 50 Japanese warships left Woosung yesterday morning. It is reported that the vessels have been ordered to South China waters.

No statement is available from Japanese official quarters regarding the departure of the warships.—
Our Own Correspondent.



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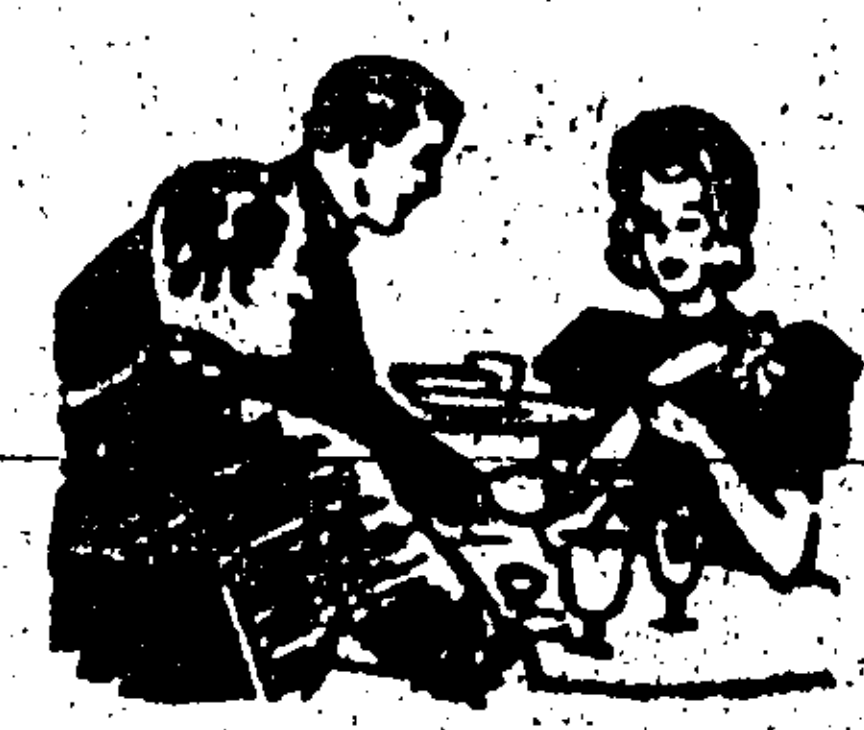
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GOERING GOING BACK TO ITALY

Berlin, To-day.

Field-Marshal Goering, accompanied by his wife, will leave here on Tuesday for San Remo unless a last minute change occurs in his plans.

Political circles interpret Goering's departure on a several weeks holiday abroad as sign that German official quarters do not reckon with international complications.

In this connection it is pointed out that the reports current abroad of an early summoning of the Reichstag to listen to a speech by Chancellor Hitler are extremely improbable since otherwise Goering as President of the Reichstag would have postponed his journey to Italy. Trans-Ocean.

NORWAY DENIES RUMOURS

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Koht, who yesterday returned from a several days visit to Paris where he lectured at the Sorbonne University, categorically denied reports alleging that Germany 12 days ago had tried to bring pressure on Norway to join Germany politically and economically.

The Foreign Minister declared that neither he personally nor the Norwegian Foreign Ministry had ever heard a single word of this. Trans-Ocean.

400 BOMBS ON HAIMEN

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese airmen bombed the port of Haimen, on the Chekiang coast, yesterday, dropping over 400 bombs.

This attack was followed by other operations on the Chekiang coast and directed chiefly against Ningpo, which was shelled on Sunday by six Japanese warships. Trans-Ocean.

SIBERIAN COAL PRODUCTION

Moscow, To-day.

A report on industrial conditions in Siberia was delivered to the 18th Congress of the Communist Party yesterday.

Since establishment of the Soviet, it was claimed, coal production had greatly increased.

POLISH-RUMANIAN COMMITMENTS

Warsaw, To-day.

Rumours that a prominent Rumanian general had come to Warsaw for military talks with the Polish Chief of Staff, are denied here.

It is stated that all military commitments are provided for in the Polish-Rumanian alliance of 1926.

The comrade of the s.s. Yeun Sang, Mak Show-yuen, has reported that a sum of \$243.90 was stolen from his pocket, at about 2 p.m. yesterday, in the General Post Office.

GERMANY AND NON-INTERVENTION

London, To-day.

The German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Kordt, informed the permanent Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office, Sir Alexander Cadogan, yesterday that the German Government will not make any further contribution towards the expenses of the non-intervention Committee in Spain. Trans-Ocean.

ASSISTANCE PACT WITH RUSSIA DISCUSSED

Paris, To-day.

Premier Daladier received the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, yesterday afternoon for a lengthy conference in the French War Office in order to put a last touch to the drafting of the emergency decrees which were submitted to the Ministerial Council last evening.

The Foreign Minister informed M. Daladier of the results of the British Cabinet meeting.

Well-informed French quarters believe that the two Ministers discussed the English plan for an assistance pact with Soviet Russia in which possibly Poland, Rumania and Yugo-Slavia would be included.

The French press unanimously attributes great importance to the negotiations between the Cabinets of the three Democracies and the Soviet Union. Trans-Ocean.

NO BELGIAN MOBILISATION

Brussels, To-day.

Authoritative Belgian quarters declared yesterday as incorrect, rumours circulating that the Belgian Government intends to bring the Belgian army up to increased peace strength.

It is emphasised that there is no occasion for such measures. The Belgian Government is observing the current events calmly and watchfully. Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN AND CZECH LANGUAGES

Prague, To-day.

Burgomaster Klapka of Prague directed a circular letter yesterday to all municipal authorities stating that until a new decree is issued, the German and Czech languages are to be recognised as of equal status.

Through this measure a conflict of some years, existing in fact since the signature of the Treaty of Versailles has been settled. Trans-Ocean.

Master of fishing junk No. 328HC, has reported that while fishing near the Sam Lung island on Saturday last, a Japanese man-of-war stopped his junk, and threw four canons overboard. Noone was molested.

Revision Of Britain's National Defence Plans

Mr. Chamberlain Answers Questions On Czech Events

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was bombarded with a series of questions on Central Europe in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain made statements on our defence programme and on various events in the rape of Czecho-Slovakia.

A question on the national defence programme was put by Captain Wedgwood Benn (Labour).

Captain Benn asked: In view of Germany's acquisition of war material and munitions factories in Czecho-Slovakia, does the Prime Minister intend to propose revision of the national defence programme?

Mr. Chamberlain replied that his statement at Birmingham on Friday, that every aspect of the national life must now be reviewed in the light of our national safety, of course covered the national defence programme.

SELLING SCRAP TO GERMANY

Miss Ellen Wilkinson (Labour) asked if this included any representation to the Iron and Steel Federation of Great Britain that pig-iron and scrap shall not be sold to Germany as we sold it in the last war.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that that might be called an aspect of national life.

As far as he was aware, no written ultimatum had been presented to President Hacha prior to his acceptance of the agreement with Hitler on March 15.

Sir Neville Henderson (our Ambassador in Britain) was instructed on Friday to inform the German Government that the British desired to make plain that they could not but regard the events of the past few days as a complete repudiation of the Munich Agreement and a denial of the spirit in which the negotiators of the Agreement had bound themselves to co-operate for peaceful settlement.

UNDER REVIEW

Sir Neville Henderson was also instructed to say that Britain must take that occasion to protest against the changes effected in Czecho-Slovakia by German military action, which they were of opinion was devoid of any basis of legality.

The Prime Minister replied affirmatively to an enquiry whether he had seen any press statement that Hitler threatened to bomb Prague unless President Hacha accepted the demands.

The whole situation in connection with the annexation of Czecho-Slovakia was at present under review by the British Government.—Reuter.

ANOTHER STATEMENT

Mr. Chamberlain who (adds British Wireless) promised the Opposition leader to make a fuller statement at the earliest opportunity, told another questioner that the Government would require to give full consideration in concert

OPIUM EVIL INTRODUCED AT WEI HAI

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT WAS STATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE PORT OF WEI HAI WEI, IN SHANTUNG, PREVIOUSLY LEASED TO BRITAIN, WAS NOW UNDER THE SCOURGE OF THE OPIUM EVIL FOLLOWING JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE AREA.

A statement to this effect was made by Sir John Haslam, Conservative Member for Bolton.

Sir John asked whether the Premier was aware that during the whole of the British lease of Weihaiwei, the port and surrounding district were entirely free from the opium evil and continued so until the Japanese occupation, and that since the Japanese took over the port many opium dens had been opened.

"UNDER CONSIDERATION"

Sir John asked whether the Premier would draw the attention of the Japanese Government to the grave consequences of permitting opium dens to exist and to its increase in Chinese territories under their occupation.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replied "Yes, the question is at present under consideration." — Reuter.

with other governments to all consequences of the German action against Czecho-Slovakia before any statement could be made on the question of recognition of the German annexation and control of the seized territories.

In another reply relating to consultation with other governments adhering to the principles of the League Covenant and the Kellogg Pact, Mr. Chamberlain again emphasised that the whole situation was at present under review by the Government.

NOT MILITARY

He declined to accept the suggestion of another member that military representatives should be added to the officials accompanying Mr. Hudson (Secretary for Overseas Trade) to Warsaw and Moscow.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that the object of Mr. Hudson's mission was economic.

JEWS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT

London, To-day.

According to a message from Bratislava, the chief of staff of the Hlinka Guards has ordered all Jews to place motorcars not essential to their business at the disposal of the Hlinka Guards.—Reuter.

NO SURRENDER OF MADRID

Paris, To-day.

According to a Burgos despatch to "Matin," Madrid's surrender to the Government of General Franco is no longer expected as imminent.

General Franco's refusal to make any concessions and his determination that the capitulation must be unconditional is stated by the paper to be the chief reason for giving up hope of any sort of understanding or compromise between Burgos and Madrid.

As heretofore, says "Matin," the formula of the National Spanish Government reads "everything and unconditional."—Trans-Ocean.

DISCOVERY

Capetown, To-day.

The British research ship, "Discovery II," has discovered new land in the Antarctic.—Reuter.

K.C.R. FOREMAN FINED FOR SPEEDING

A fitters' foreman of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Lau Shul, was this morning fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon when summoned for speeding in excess of 20 m.p.h. through the Tsun Wan controlled area.

The summons was taken out by Mr. G. A. V. Hall, who he was driving towards the town with a friend, Mr. Blas. He heard a horn from behind when entering the controlled area and signalled the car not to pass. When in the area the car, driven by defendant, paid no attention and overtook him. Mr. Hall added that he was doing full speed when he was overtaken by defendant.

Defendant denied that he had overtaken any car inside the controlled area but was beyond the area.

Collaborative evidence was also given by Mr. Blas for the prosecution.

JEWS ARRESTED IN PRAGUE

London, To-day.

The Jewish telegraphic agency says that the arrests of Jews in Prague continue.

Many Jewish bodies, including the Zionist organisation, have been closed, while the Czech and German press is under censorship.

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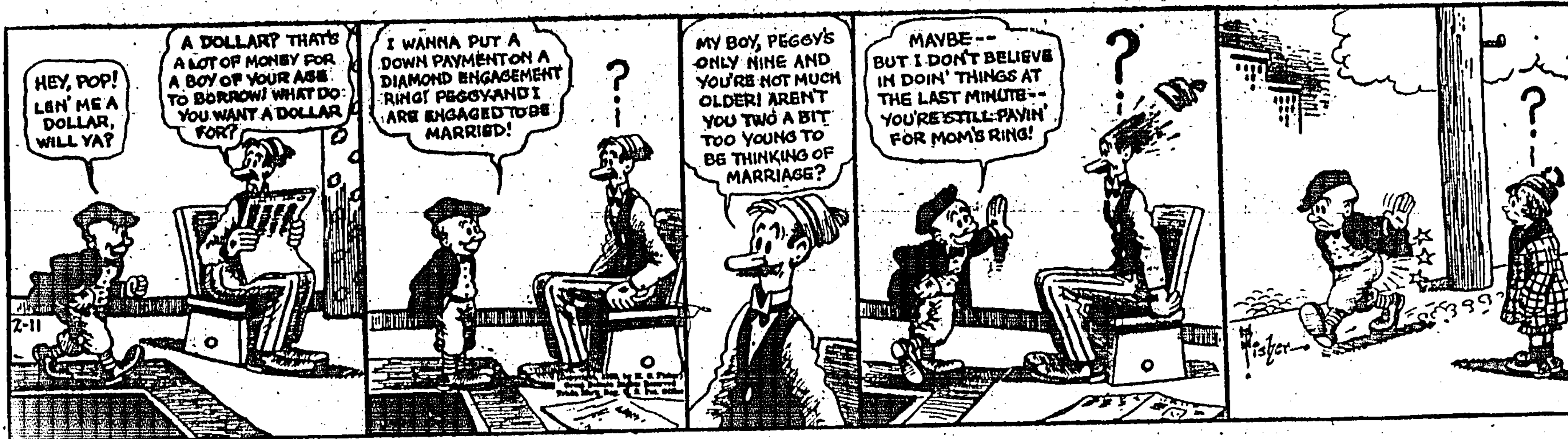
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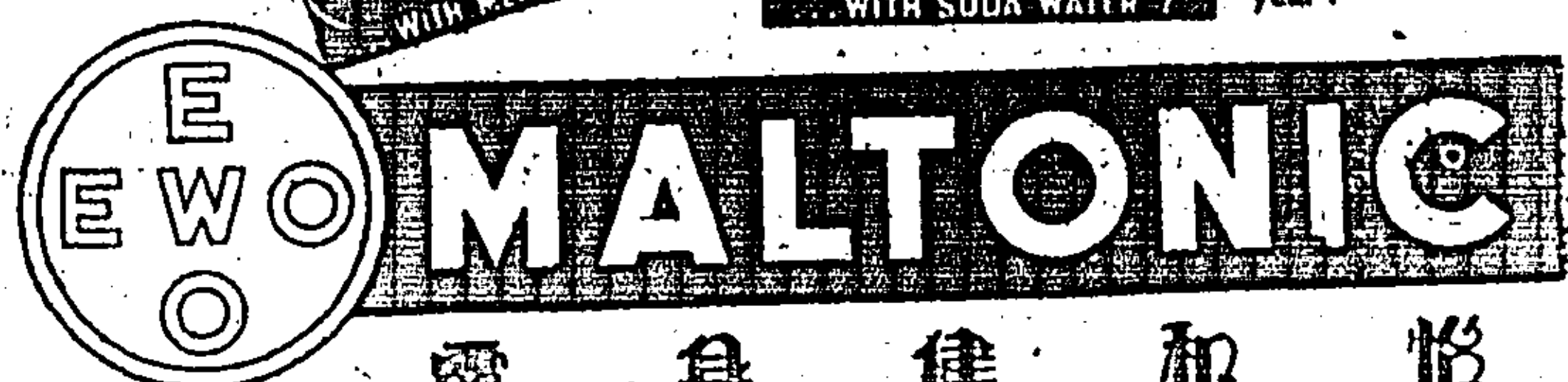
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VANITY

"Every man," said Inspector Joe Warren, frowning over the letter he held in his hand, "has a weak point. In the case of 'The Flash,' most daring criminal of this city's criminal history, it appears to be vanity." He gestured toward the letter. "The fellow has become drunk with his success in accomplishing two outstanding robberies. And now he has taken to writing us letters, stating just where he's going to be at a certain time and what he plans to do. He thinks it a big feather in his cap if he can get away with the crime after sending us a notice."

Detective Fargo blew smoke rings at the ceiling and evaded his chief's eyes. "So far," he said, "he seems to have been pretty successful in carrying out his plans. This is the third letter we've received. Each time The Flash has appeared where he said he would at exactly the time denoted in his letters. And while we've stood idly by he's committed his crimes and escaped. What's he up to this time?"

"The Devonshire party," Warren growled. The truth of Fargo's statement scored him. "Mrs. Devonshire is planning to wear that valuable emerald her husband brought her from Europe a month ago. The

would not attempt his criminal act until after midnight, when, possibly, the vigilance of the detectives would be somewhat less rigid than earlier in the evening.

Yet the moment the Devonshire butler opened the door Warren knew something had happened. The butler's face was white and drawn, and over his shoulder Warren could see a group of guests huddled in the hallway, with Detective Johnson standing guard.

Warren stepped quickly inside. And at that moment Mrs. Devonshire, accompanied by her husband and Detective Fargo, came flying down the stairs.

"What's happened?" Warren barked at Fargo, ignoring the incoherent babble of Mrs. Devonshire.

"It's gone," Fargo grated. "About an hour ago, I was standing behind Mrs. Devonshire in the reception line. Someone poked a gun in my back and told me to walk backwards. When I saw the fellow's face I knew it was The Flash, because he was a dead ringer for myself."

"A ringer for you?" Warren gasped. "What the devil do you mean?"

"I mean," said Fargo grimly, "that his disguise this time looked like me,

By James Freeman

Flash states in this letter that he intends to steal the emerald and defies us to stop him."

Fargo crushed out his cigarette.

"Have you taken any steps to prevent the robbery?"

"Of course, you idiot! I've notified Mrs. Devonshire not to wear the jewel. But the devil of it is she wants to show it to her friends, and declares that an imitation won't do. Furthermore, she demands that we send up a half dozen plainclothes men to protect her."

The inspector was silent a moment, tapping on the surface of his desk with a pencil.

Fargo waited, saying nothing. Silence when the chief was in such a mood was an excellent policy, he had learned, to adhere to.

"Fargo, as you know, The Flash's disguise is perfect. He'll appear at that party as a guest, or servant or someone with whom the Devonshires are but slightly acquainted. I want you to go up there early, meet Mrs. Devonshire when she comes downstairs and stick with her until the last guest has gone. Then see to it that the emerald is stored away in a safe before you leave. I'll have Johnson and a couple of other men mingling with the guests, but Mrs. Devonshire knows you, hence won't feel reluctant about letting you keep with her. Later in the evening I'll run out there myself."

At eleven o'clock on the night of the Devonshire party, Inspector Warren drew his roadster up before the palatial mansion and ascended the steps. He felt reasonably sure that The Flash

generally speaking. He forced me into a closet and cracked me over the head. Naturally no one noticed that anything was happening, as Mrs. Devonshire was exhibiting her emerald at the time. And when The Flash returned and stood in my place, it occurred to no one that it was not me."

"Ten minutes ago I came to and began to kick on the door. Devonshire opened it. I rushed up to Mrs. Devonshire and discovered that she had just missed her emerald.—The Flash has outsmarted us again!"

Warren slumped wearily into a chair.

"To-morrow," he groaned, "every newspaper in the city will have the story. It will be the most humiliating moment of my life."

Fargo smiled bitterly.

"Every man has his weak points," he said. "Yours seems to be vanity."

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DISILLUSIONMENT OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

LORD HALIFAX'S PLAIN SPEAKING IN THE LORDS

London, To-day.

"In the face of the grave issues with which we are concerned, party differences seem to disappear," declared the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, amid cheers when making his statement on Central Europe in the House of Lords yesterday.

It was quite true, he continued, that recent events had been a profound shock to all thinking people in this country and far outside it.

Lord Halifax observed that it was "surely not without significance that two towns were occupied by German S.S. detachments on the evening of March 14 while the President and Foreign Minister of Czecho-Slovakia were still on the way to Hitler and before any discussion had taken place."

Dealing with Hitler's proclamation declaring the former Czech territory under German protection, Lord Halifax said:

"It should be noted that while the head of the administration now to be set up is said to hold the rank of head of State, and while the Protectorate is said to be autonomous and self-governing, there is to be a Resident in Prague with full powers of veto on legislation."

DISMEMBERMENT COMPLETE
"Foreign affairs and the protection of nationals abroad devolve on the German Government, which will maintain a military garrison and establishments in the Protectorate."

"The Protectorate is bound to Germany by a customs union, and the German Government can issue decrees and take any measures for the preservation of peace and order."

"As a result of these several actions the dismemberment of Czecho-Slovakia may therefore be said now to be complete."

NOT INDEPENDENTLY

Dealing with the grounds on which the Germans attempted to justify their action, Lord Halifax said:

"I find it impossible to believe that the sudden decision of certain Slovak leaders to break off from Prague was reached independently of outside influence."

After giving a further narrative of events, Lord Halifax declared: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the bulk of incidents that occurred before the German invasion were deliberately invoked and the effects greatly magnified."

"It is not necessary to say much about the assertion that the Czech President freely assented to the subjection of his people."

THE SUPREME ARBITER

"In view of the circumstances in which he went to Berlin, and of the occupation of parts of Czecho-Slovakia which had already taken place, most sensible people would conclude that there was little pretence at negotiation, and that it was more probable that the Czechs were

presented with an ultimatum under the threat of violence, and that they capitulated in order to save their people from the horrors of swift, destructive aerial bombardment."

Lord Halifax maintained that the plea that Germany was in some danger from Czecho-Slovakia could not be seriously maintained in any quarter.

He added: "I could wish that instead of the explanations which have been issued and which carry scant conviction, German superior force had been frankly acknowledged as the supreme arbiter that in fact it was."

"In these circumstances His Majesty's Government thought it fit immediately to take certain action."

POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS

Lord Halifax then referred to the immediate suspension of the visit to Berlin of Mr. Oliver Stanley (President of the Board of Trade) and Mr. R. S. Hudson (Secretary for Overseas Trade), "by means of which it had been hoped His Majesty's Government could directly intervene in those unofficial contacts of industrial representatives which were taking place at that very moment."

"We felt and feel now that in the circumstances, any development of our efforts in that direction was frankly out of the question, and that and many other things had to be and must remain indefinitely postponed."

SUPPRESSION OF LIBERTY

After referring to the recall of the British Ambassador to report, Lord Halifax said: "I think we can claim that we have left the German Government in doubt as to the attitude of His Majesty's Government, and although I do not cherish any exaggerated hopes of what may be the effect, it was right that protests should have been registered."

Lord Halifax then referred to the German apologists trying to justify their action by reference to the past history of the Empire.

He said the principle on which the British Empire was conducted was self-government, and wherever we had been we had left a trail of

SIX YEARS ESPIONAGE TERM

Los Angeles, To-day.
Michael Gorin, manager of the Los Angeles branch of Intourist, the Soviet tourist agency, was yesterday sentenced to six years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 on a charge of espionage.—
Reuter.

freedom and self-government. Our record had nothing in common with the suppression of liberty.

ARBITRARY ACTION

True we had always recognised that Germany was more interested in South-Eastern Europe than we ourselves, but the position entirely changed when we were confronted with the arbitrary suppression of an independent sovereign State by armed force and in violation of the elementary rules of international conduct.

Referring to the Opposition statement that Mr. Chamberlain's policy at Munich was a personal policy, Lord Halifax said that if by that was meant it was a policy to which the Premier had given every ounce of energy, imagination and resolution he possessed, he would not disagree.

"But if it is suggested that it was a policy pursued without the fullest co-operation of myself, as Foreign Secretary and every member of His Majesty's Government, then I must take leave to oppose a most emphatic contradiction." (Loud ministerial cheers in which Members in the Commons gallery joined).

PURPOSES OF MUNICH

There were two purposes of the Munich settlement, first to effect a settlement as fair as might be in all the extremely difficult circumstances.

"I have no doubt whatever that the Government were right in the light of all information available to them to take the course they did." (Cheers).

The second purpose was to bring more security for the people of Europe on the basis of freely accepted consultations as a means by which all future differences might be adjusted.

"That long-term purpose has been, as we can all observe, disastrously belied by events."

As to the charge of too readily believing Hitler's assurances, Lord Halifax said that neither the Premier nor himself had failed to be acutely conscious of the difference between beliefs and hopes.

HITLER'S PRINCIPLES

"We have always acted with the knowledge that only with time can our hopes be converted into sure beliefs."

Turning to Hitler's actions, Lord Halifax said: "In his actions, until after Munich, a case could have been made that Hitler had been true to his own principles—the exclusion of non-Germans from the Reich and so forth—principles he has now overthrown."

"In the inclusion of eight million Czechs under the German Reich he had surely been untrue to his old philosophy."

A NEW PHASE?

Lord Halifax recalled that Hitler in September appealed to the principle of self-determination. That principle was now rudely contradicted by a sequence of acts which denied the very right on which the German attitude was based.

Whatever was true about the treatment of 250,000 Germans, it was impossible to believe it could only be remedied by the subjugation of eight million Czechs.

"Are we to believe that German policy has entered a new phase directed at domination of non-German peoples? Such grave questions are being asked in all parts of the world."

"The German occupation of Czecho-Slovakia has been furthered by new methods. The world has lately seen more than once a new departure in the field of international technique."

"Countries are now faced with encouragement of separatism, not only in the interests of separatist elements but in the imperial interests of Germany."

STANDS WARNED

"These methods are simple, and with growing experience quite unmistakable."

"Have we any assurance that they will not be employed elsewhere? Every neighbour of Germany is now uncertain of tomorrow, and every country which values national identity and sovereignty stands warned against the danger from within inspired from without."

"I am glad the Rumanian Government has denied that report that went so far as to speak of an ultimatum, but it is not surprising that the Rumanian and other Governments view with gravest misgivings the happenings of the past few days."

Lord Halifax described the measures to relieve the refugee situation, and said the Government would continue to do whatever they could to mitigate the consequences of recent events, "but it is quite plain that the success of anything we attempt depends on the attitude of the German Government."

PROFOUND SHOCK

"In years past the British people desired to be on friendly terms with the German people. Our people were not backward in recognising some of the mistakes of the Versailles Treaty, which needed remedying, but each time in the last few years that there has been a chance of making progress in understanding, the German Government has taken action which made progress impossible."

"Shortly after Munich, measures were taken by Germany which gave a profound shock to world opinion."

"All initiative towards closer economic collaboration has been frustrated by Germany's action last week, and it is difficult to say when it can easily be resumed."

"The British Government have not failed to draw a moral from these events, and have lost no time in placing themselves in close practical consultation with the Dominions and other governments concerned on the issues which have suddenly been made so plain."

"History records many attempts to impose domination on Europe but all have terminated in disaster. The German people, if history is any guide, may regret the action against Czecho-Slovakia."—
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WHERE FINANCE IS SOUND

Germany and Italy are not backward in shop-window display. Everything is always rosy in their gardens militarily. Estimates of their great strength may for this reason alone have been taken too much at their face value. The British people less addicted to the art of self-advertisement, have said less than might have been said about the reserves of strength which are undoubtedly theirs, and which are illustrated again in the huge outlay for armaments recently announced — £580,000,000 for next year.

"If I could find one immovable point," Archimedes said, "I could move worlds." There may be no immovable points in the British social system, but there are certain very solid elements in its make-up which cannot fail to inspire confidence.

These are to be detected in the annual reports of the great British banks for the year 1938, and the judicious, balanced words spoken by the chairmen of these institutions at the annual general meetings. Surveying the year that has been completed, these experts made no attempt to give a rosy picture of the finances of Britain or of the world as a whole.

Though it was shown that British internal trade had been much better than might have been expected, that the depression which began in 1936 had not developed into a general slump, and that the United States trade agreement was likely to produce favourable results, still it had to be admitted that there had been a general falling off in trade and a particularly marked falling off in British exports. There was no attempt to hide the slackness, most of which is attributable to international unrest, trade restriction, and the wars in China and Spain.

But in spite of all this, British banking and finance have remained steady. The country is living within its means, paying its taxes, preserving its currency, and "managing" it with a view to keeping a just equilibrium in the money markets. The credit of Britain is good, and it can stand the test of colossal expenditure on armaments as no other country in Europe can do, and without fear of financial catastrophe. Britain cannot merely bear the normal strain, but its finances can face up to a crisis of the greatest magnitude.

On this subject the chairman of the National Provincial Bank, speaking of the crisis of last September when war appeared imminent, said, "It is some consolation to know—and the knowledge should give us confidence for the future—that our great financial institutions can sustain the shock of such a grave crisis." Such is the calmness with which British finance is able to face the threat of war.

Here at least is one element of

solidity which inspires confidence. Britain's people, in their frank habit of self-criticism, are prone to advertise their own deficiencies. But there are reserves of strength which must not be left out of the calculation when we are comparing Britain with possible opponents.

Westerns to the Rescue?

Young Americans used to be advised to "Go West." The cinema, faced with a box-office slump, has been doing very much the same thing by largely going "western." Nor is this tendency confined to the lesser-known luminaries of the screen.

In the past the films learned much from the technique of "westerns." It was the bucking bronchos, the round-ups and chases, the breathless fights on precipice edges which taught that the primary function of the movie is to move. It is a lesson which, after years of talkies, the "westerns" may have to teach all over again.

They may teach other things, too. In Europe there is keen controversy over the inclination which Hollywood has recently developed for instructing the Continent in its own history. For example, such attempts as "Lloyds of London" and "Suez" to prove that the well-known figures of the past all looked, spoke, thought, walked, and behaved exactly alike have provoked considerable criticism, culminating in the protests of the De Lesseps family against the portrait of the engineer of the Suez Canal.

Now, modern "westerns" concern themselves with historical themes rather than with historical personages. They show things like the development of stage-coach routes and the growth of respect for law. Thus, they avoid fierce personal controversy. It is a hint which more ambitious films might well find valuable.

Change in Belgrade

Two major currents in South-eastern Europe may be traced through the recent changes in the Yugoslav Cabinet. The first reveals a significant reaction to the march of German influence along the Danube. The second discloses an inherent problem in the effort to weld a united nation out of divergent racial groups.

For the fall of Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch's Cabinet resulted in part from popular opposition to his pro-German policy. The Reich is one of Yugoslavia's best customers. The political influence of Germany is strong in Belgrade. But inherent factors, which lead the South Slavs to resist Teuton penetration, still make German control of the Balkans a Herculean task.

Domestically, the new Serbian-dominated Cvetkovitch Cabinet is in no stronger position than its predecessor. For the Croats, who polled a surprisingly large vote in the recent elections, are in a better position than ever to embarrass the regime by their autonomy demands. Yet the Regent Paul apparently is moving to break the circle in which strong governments refuse to make concessions to minorities and weak governments do not dare. And he recognises that he must do so quickly if a fate not unrelated to that of Czecho-Slovakia is to be avoided.

Hope for solution both of Yugoslavia's internal and international problems thus increases as strong popular opinion is achieving an increasing role.

RUMANIA TAKES A FIRM STAND

LIMITED TRADE AGREEMENT ONLY

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumania has stood firmly in the vitally important trade negotiations with Germany.

This is the chief deduction to be made from a statement in official circles that an agreement with the German delegation is expected this week.

It is expected that the agreement will be a "completion of the existing trade pact concluded last November."

Under the new agreement, it is stated, there will be an additional direct exchange of goods.

This arises from the fact that Germany is unable to pay in currency.

"Direct exchanges" are likely to be chiefly that Germany will take more oil from Rumania, either from new wells which she will exploit herself or from existing sources.

WELCOME PURPOSE

Well-informed circles maintain an attitude that the negotiations have been solely for the welcome purpose of extending trade between two friendly countries.

Relations with Hungary, it is stressed, continue to be friendly, and orders have been given to the troops on the frontiers to avoid all possibility of incident.—Reuter.

LIMITED AGREEMENT

Bucharest, To-day.

It is learned that a limited trade agreement between Rumania and Germany will almost certainly be signed to-morrow (Wednesday).

The agreement will be principally in the nature of a protocol extending the existing agreement.

It is stated that oil as granted to Germany will only be of small quantity, having little relation to what was originally demanded.—Reuter.

BRITISH MISSION

London, To-day.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, announced yesterday that the Government has decided to send a commercial mission to Rumania.—Reuter.

NO AMERICAN RECOGNITION

Washington, To-day.

The State Department has sent a Note to the German Embassy refusing to recognise the legality of the occupation of Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

British Wireless adds that when an M.P. drew his attention to reports of German intimidation of Rumania on trade matters, Mr. Stanley replied that that was another very good reason for sending the mission.

SOVIET PROPOSES CONFERENCE OF POWERS

Moscow, To-day.

It is understood on reliable authority that the Soviet favours the Anglo-French suggestion for joint discussion of the situation.

The Soviet proposes an immediate conference of Britain, France, the Soviet, Rumania, Poland and Turkey.—Reuter.

LONDON NAZIS' NEW H.Q.

THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTING NAZIS IN LONDON, WILL SHORTLY MAKE ITS HEAD-QUARTERS IN THE FORMER AUSTRIAN LEGATION PREMISES AT NO. 18, BELGRAVE-SQUARE. THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESENT HEADQUARTERS ARE IN AN OFFICE IN WILTON-ROAD, VICTORIA.

The Belgrave-square building is leased by the German Embassy, which took over the premises shortly after the annexation of Austria last year. It is now used as a passport office.

It is expected that the National Socialist Association will take possession next month. Its headquarters will be in the nature of a London "Brown House."

From it, under the direction of Herr Karlowa, chief of the London Nazis, intensive Nazi propaganda will be disseminated. Not only will this be political, but an attempt will be made to popularise German cultural and social institutions in Great Britain.

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DELICATE SITUATION ON FRONTIERS OF RUMANIA

World Conflict Inevitable, Says Budapest

STATE OF SIEGE IN DAMASCUS

Paris, To-day.

The revolutionary movement in Syria is spreading, and French troops yesterday occupied all important buildings and streets in Damascus.

The official French version says the measure is prompted by the series of incidents recently.

"Le Journal" says a number have been killed in clashes between mobs and police.

The French military authorities announce that parades and demonstrations are forbidden, and what amounts to a state of siege exists in Damascus.

The Syrian Cabinet crisis is still unsolved. — Trans-Ocean.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Damascus, To-day.

A state of emergency was proclaimed here by the Mandatory authorities yesterday and the city was occupied by troops. The High Commissioner, M. Puaux, instructed his Deputy, M. de Hautecloque to take all necessary measures for a restoration of order.

All meeting and street demonstrations have been prohibited.

M. de Hautecloque in a proclamation to the population, recalled that France was the traditional protector of Islam and was alone in the position to guarantee the Syrian independence.

The National Arab bloc which is the largest party in Syria passed a resolution affirming its determination to organise passive resistance and to refuse its support to any new Government that may be formed. The resolution further reiterated the demand for an immediate proclamation of Syrian independence. — Trans-Ocean.

CABINET MEETING AT CANBERRA

Canberra, To-day.

An emergency meeting of the Australian Cabinet has been called for to-day, followed a radio-telephone conversation between the Premier, Mr. J. A. Lyons, and Mr. Chamberlain.

The Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. S. M. Bruce, has been asked to postpone his return to England in order to attend the meeting.

Li Chun-hung, of No. 376 Lockhart Road, has reported the loss of money, clothing, and jewellery, valued at \$148, some time last night.

"We Are At The Last Ditch--" French Premier

London, To-day.

Latest reports indicate that the trade agreement between Germany and Rumania will be signed in Bucharest to-morrow (Wednesday).

It is disclosed that the Rumanian Government refused a German demand that Rumania should devalue her currency and that Germans should be given a share in the exploitation of Rumanian oil resources.

Rumania, in the meantime, has stopped all military leave and is continuing to strengthen her frontier defences, along the Ruthenian and Hungarian borders.

A delicate situation threatens in this connection as it is reliably reported that the Hungarians have concentrated additional troops on the Rumanian border, "because extra Rumanian forces have been coming up."

Budapest also announces that Count Teleki, the Prime Minister of Hungary, is paying a visit to Rome before the end of March.

A reliable estimate says that Hungary to-day has 400,000 men under arms.

"CONFLICT INEVITABLE"

A sensation has been created by publication in a semi-official Hungarian newspaper of a leading article which says that a world conflict appears inevitable. In that event, Hungary must remain within the Rome-Berlin axis.

The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says that France is determined that Rumania shall not share the fate of Czechoslovakia, and there is likelihood of the despatch to Rumania of a military mission.

In the Chamber yesterday, M. Daladier, in the course of a statement on developments declared:

"At Munich I did my best to avoid war.
"Now we are at the last ditch."

MEN CALLED UP

The Hungarian Legation in Paris has issued a denial of "rumours" that Hungarian troops are being concentrated along the southern and south-eastern frontiers of Hungary.

All that has become necessary is calling up of individual personages in order to bring up to full strength the regiments ordered to occupy the Carpatho-Ukraine because these operations were in no way prepared beforehand and had to be carried out chiefly by frontier guards. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. D. Tolan, of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., has reported that during the night of Sunday, some person stole 82 yards of cable, valued at \$82, in the hillside near the Kim Ling Cafe, North Point.

SOLID FRONT AGAINST TYRANNY

Quebec, To-day.

The leader of the Canadian National Conservative Party declared yesterday that the party would gladly join in support of British foreign policy.

He said the Canadian people were of one heart and mind, and were determined to save liberty.

Hitler's word, he continued, no longer deserved trust, and he called for a solid front against the tyranny of Nazi dictatorship.

ORDERS BY SECRET RADIO STATION

A secret Syrian Arab wireless station broadcast instructions to Rebel leaders in Syria to begin the distribution of arms to their followers in Damascus, Aleppo, Latakia and Homs, in preparation for a simultaneous revolt.

The French believe that the secret wireless station may be located in Libya. This station began broadcasting several days ago, and announced the creation of a "Greater Syrian Revolutionary Committee." After referring to the revolt in Palestine the announcer promised the Syrians' victory against the French authorities in Syria.

SO "EVENING STANDARD" SAYS

London, To-day.

The "Evening Standard" states that Lord Halifax having conformably with the Cabinet's decision asked the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, if England could rely on the Soviet Union furnishing military aid to Rumania in the event of aggression against the latter, received the reply that the Soviet Union is at present not in the position to make a definite promise. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN MAY KEEP OLD BATTLESHIPS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty indicates that should Germany carry out the threat made in official Nazi newspapers to denounce the Anglo-German Naval Agreement, Britain will not scrap the Royal Sovereign class of battleships as has been intended.

PIUS XII

Vatican City, To-day.

Pope Pius XII received the Italian Crown Prince in audience yesterday. The Crown Prince, who had represented the King of Italy at the coronation of the Pope, subsequently visited Cardinal State Secretary Maglione. — Trans-Ocean.



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News Snack Bar



Pupils from the West Ham Municipal College of Art, were given special permission to enter St. Bartholomew's Church, the second oldest church in London, in order to sketch portions of the old architecture from various angles. This church together with Durham Cathedral is the only building in the British Isles of both Gothic and Norman design. Photo shows the boys at work during their novel sketching lesson.

BILLETING 'YES' 100-PER-CENT M. P.'s 3d. LUNCH

Every householder in the St. Clears division of the Carmarthen Rural District has undertaken to accommodate children and their mothers from crowded districts in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Recently an appeal was made by preachers from every pulpit in the area; and the canvassers, who completed their work last night, found that even the poorest person was prepared to make some sacrifice to help those who live in the danger areas.

All the canvassing has been done by members of the St. Clears Women's Institute.

When Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, opens new council schools at Selsey, Sussex, he will be entertained by West Sussex Education Committee to a two-course threepenny lunch at Sidlesham School.

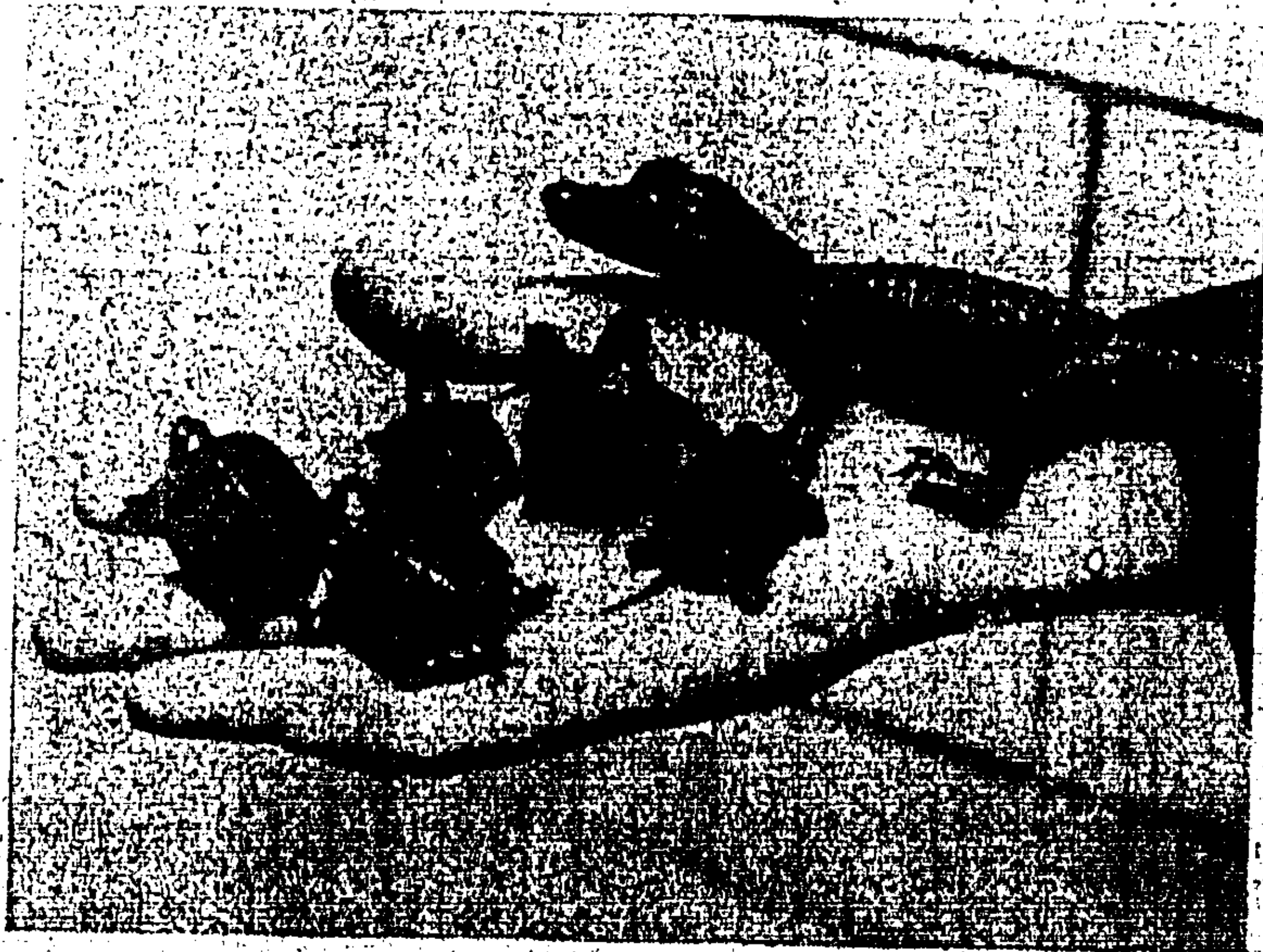
This school has 270 pupils, two-thirds of whom have lately come from Special Areas. More than 100 children each day have this threepenny lunch. To-day's menu is steak and kidney pudding, boiled potatoes, sprouts, fruit jelly or blancmange.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT COSTS

The Minister of Health sanctioned expenditure not exceeding £3,000 by Westminster City Council for street decorations on the occasion April of the visit of the French President.

MORE PLANES TO PARIS

Imperial Airways are to operate eight services a day each way, between Croydon and Paris from April. This is an increase of four services each way a day.



Five wrinkled Terrapins or water tortoises, recently brought back by the Oxford University Cayman Island Expedition, are the latest arrivals at the London Zoo. When fully grown they will be a foot long. They are extremely delicate and live on water insects which are specially bred for them. Photo shows the five terrapins with another new arrival, a Florida alligator, until recently kept as a domestic pet. When fully grown it will be 15 ft. long.

NEW DEAL FOR HOUSE BUYERS

A new charter for the small house owner to free him from the profiteering builder and an intensified drive to put Britain to work are part of the Government's plans to help the little man.

Mr. Chamberlain, alarmed at the failure of his Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, is to set up an inquiry into unemployment. Mr. Eden is forecast as the next Labour Minister.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson has introduced in the House of Commons the Building Societies Bill which will protect those buying by hire purchase houses valued up to £1,000.

If the buyer finds, after occupation, that the house is not properly built he will have the right to demand from the local authority a survey and a certificate showing the house's defects.

The owner can then go to the building society who must put right the faults.

If the society refuses, the owner may go to a county court and get authority to withhold all payments until the work has been completed.

Even should Miss Wilkinson's Bill not become law, there will be a new Act involving the building societies.

For Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has announced that, after the issued raised by the "Tenants' K. C.," Mrs. Elsy Borders, in her case against a society, new building society legislation would be introduced.

WOMAN DIGS UP SHELL IN HER GARDEN

Digging her garden at 15, Chattern-road, Ashford, Middlesex, Mrs.

A. Tidby came across what she thought was a lump of old iron. She told her husband, who unearthed it—to find that it was an anti-aircraft shell. It is now at the police station.

Legally, Mr. (Philip H.) Davies, of West-Farnborough (Hants) has no Christian name. A clerical error in the registration of his birth was responsible.

He has tried, unsuccessfully, to have his birth certificate amended.

FOR UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL

When St. George's Hospital is rebuilt there will be a complete emergency hospital two floors below the ground. The winning design (by Messrs. W. H. Watkins and Partners) provides for 500 beds instead of the present 300.

MORE STAFF THAN PATIENTS

Richmon Victoria Hospital, two-storey building in Queen's road, Richmond, Yorkshire, has more staff than patients. During the past year, the daily average number of patients was 2.6. The staff consists of five—Matron Bessie Anderson, day nurse Muriel Thomas, night nurse Joan Hird, a domestic and a charwoman.



SUPER SCHOOL OPENED. A super secondary school for boys, the Chislehurst and Sidcup County School has just been officially opened. One of the most modern buildings in the country, it will accommodate 660 boys. The buildings are of reinforced concrete and provide maximum glass area. A predominant feature is the glass tower surrounding the main staircase. This is designed to give light to entrance hall and corridors above. The supporting columns are a feature of the assembly hall. A constructional element has been converted into an architectural feature.



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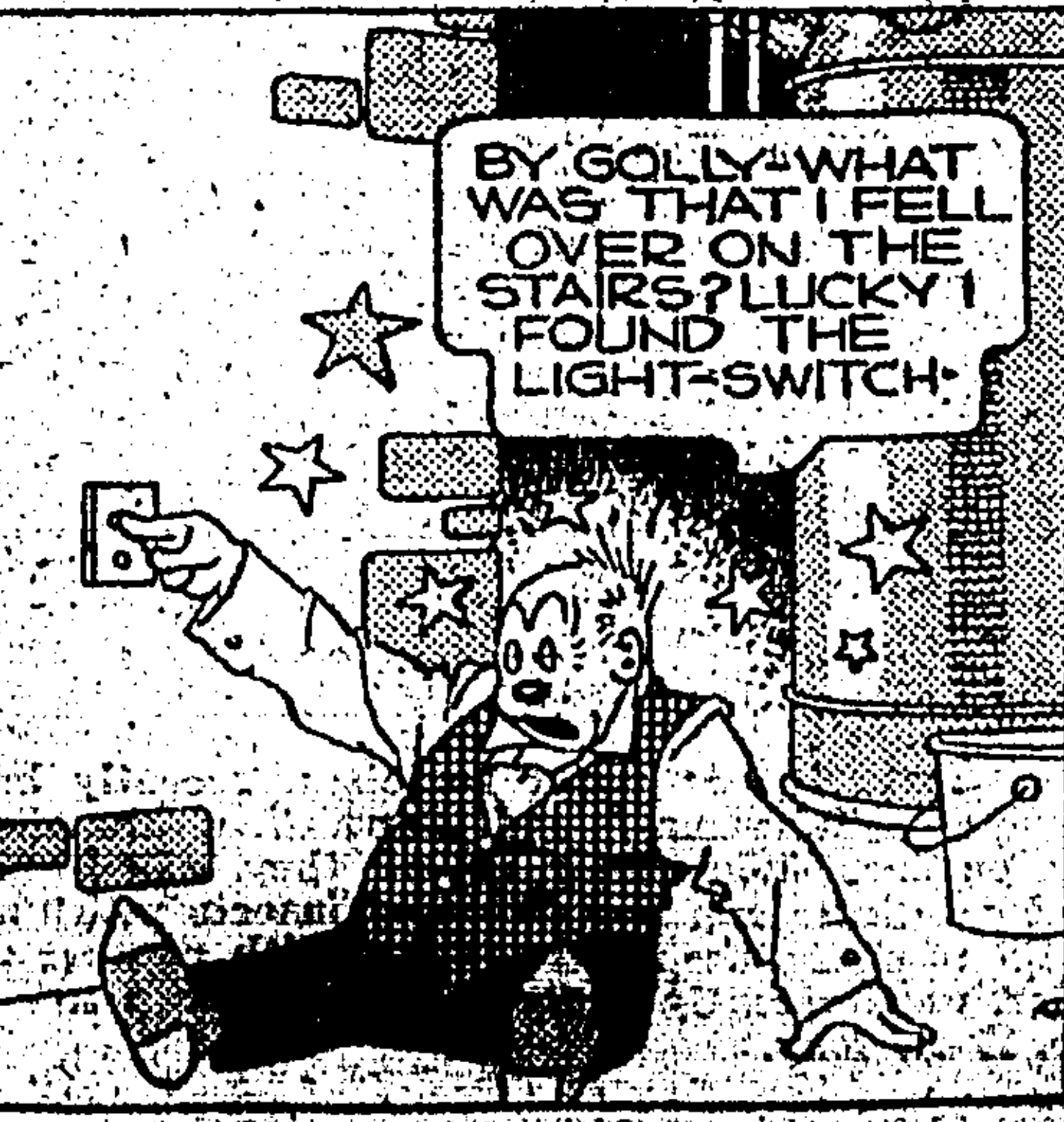
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This is a staggering figure. Although you will foot the bill—even for the loans, since they will be secured against your ability to pay the interest and repay the borrowed money—you must find it difficult to understand just how much £2,100,000,000 really is.

It means that for every hour of every day for five years you will pay £48,000—nearly £1,000 a minute—for aeroplanes, guns, battleships and other war equipment.

In other words, you are going to pay EVERY HOUR the sum allocated to keep 600 unemployed families for A YEAR.

You know why you are having to find this colossal sum of money. It is the price of Great Britain's betrayal of the Collective Peace system and the League of Nations. When, in 1931, the Labour Administration was thrown out of office, this country's defence, measured in terms of Collective Security, was the strongest in the world. Successive Conservative Governments have destroyed that security. Now, because of their futile policy, you are being called upon to make good the gaps in our defence.

Are you going to get value for your money? There are strong grounds for thinking you will not, if the present incompetent Government has the spending of it.

MUDDLE AND WASTE

You must remember that in the twenty years since the last war ended, you have spent £3,500,000,000 on the Army, Navy and Air Force, a sum equal to the whole national income for one year. In other words, every family in the land has contributed £300 in twenty years to our defence services.

And the result? Even responsible Government spokesmen have been compelled to admit disquieting deficiencies, inadequate equipment and a record of muddle and waste.

You remember Lord Baldwin's ad-

mission about the deplorable condition of the Navy in 1935. You between 1919 and 1935 you had spent £1,100,000,000 on the Navy. If it was ill equipped and obsolete after that expenditure, what other conclusion can you draw except that there were incompetent hands and, perhaps, tarry fingers on the job?

After the testing time of last year's crisis, there were wholesale complaints of deficient equipment, general disorganisation of supplies and unpreparedness.

The Minister of War admitted that London's anti-aircraft defences were insufficient. Anti-aircraft guns that should have been at their stations were non-existent. Some of the guns available were out of date. Yet the 3.7 gun, which you were told was the last word in defence against air attack, had not been put into production, although the War Department accepted it in 1937.

Now you have been told by Sir Charles Harington, Governor of Gibraltar last year, that "Gib," strategic post of the Empire, had only four anti-aircraft guns and few gas masks. Do not be surprised if other revelations are

Severe Criticism of the National Govern- ment Is Contained In This Article By GEORGE DALING

forthcoming about failure to defend the Empire. You cannot have incompetents in high office and escape the consequences.

AIR FORCE DEFECTS

Apart from the optimistic utterances of Ministers, which often have to be retracted when the truth leaks out, there is no evidence that the Army is as fully equipped as it should be. Yet, you have spent £1,500,000,000 on the War Department in the last twenty years, and on that expenditure there should be no shortage of guns and other material.

The Air Force, too, is admittedly below strength. Group Captain L. L. MacLean, who resigned from the R.A.F. in protest against the incompetence of the Air Ministry and its policy of hiding the truth behind a smoke screen of misleading public statements, has revealed some of the

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In the crisis last year admissions, similar to those about anti-aircraft equipment and the Air Force, were made about the deficiencies of A.R.P.

The Government now proposes to spend \$57,000,000 on A.R.P. food storage and other civilian services. Most of this sum will be used for

A.R.P. Steel shelters costing £20,000,000 are now being made and issued, but will prove a useless protection against high-explosive bombs.

In a few months' time, it is expected Government will wake up to the need for deep bomb-proof shelters. The A.R.P. Department may even take note of the excellent underground shelters planned by the Labour-controlled Finsbury Borough Council.

More money will then be needed to build these shelters. Orders for cement will be given, and you will pay. And unless something is done to break the Cement Monopoly which control Britain's supplies you will pay through the nose.

A few days ago Mr. A. V. Alexander, M.P., revealed in the House of Commons the astonishing fact that the Government has on two occasions suppressed reports from one of its own Departmental Committees which showed how the Cement Combine is profiteering. Speaking as a member of the Departmental Committee on the prices of building materials, Mr. Alexander said:

"I have signed two reports on cement, but they have not seen the light of day. I signed one report nearly two years ago, and the Minister of Health, rather than publish it . . . adopted the extraordinary procedure of first showing a report condemning the margin of profit to the people who were making the profit."

CEMENT RING ACTS
"He then made a deal; he suggested that there should be some slight reduction in price, and claimed that to be a virtue. Another increase in price was made over twelve months ago."

Recently it was rumoured that a new firm was going to start a new cement manufacturing plant to break the prices fixed by the all-powerful Cement Manufacturers' Association. That move was soon killed. Orders for cement for your protection will have to be paid for at the price demanded by an anti-social monopoly.

During the past year the Stock Exchange valuation of £1 Associated Portland Cement shares has fluctuated between 65s. and 88s. Heaven knows to what levels these shares will soar if the Government undertakes the job of building underground shelters on a big scale.

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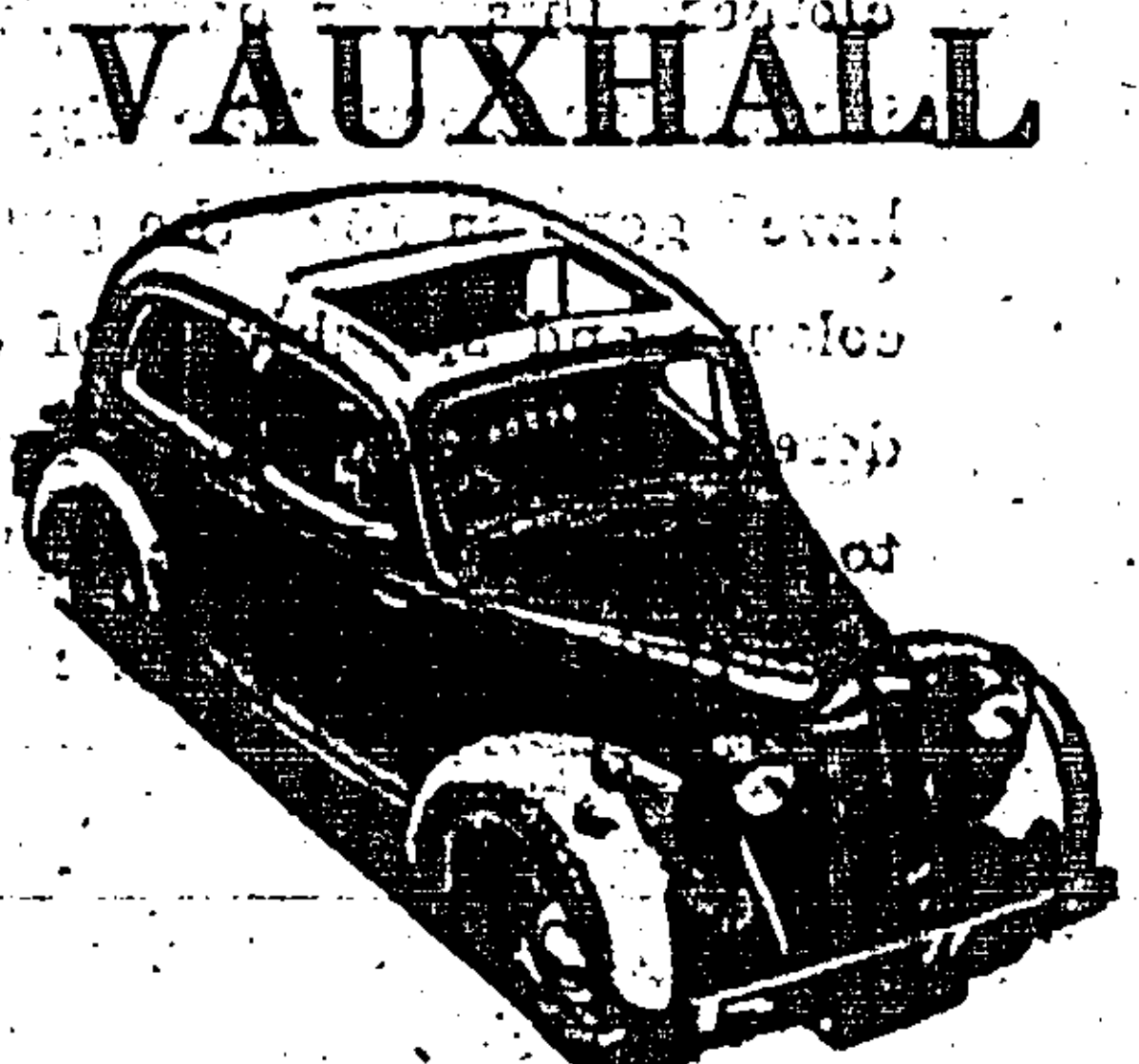
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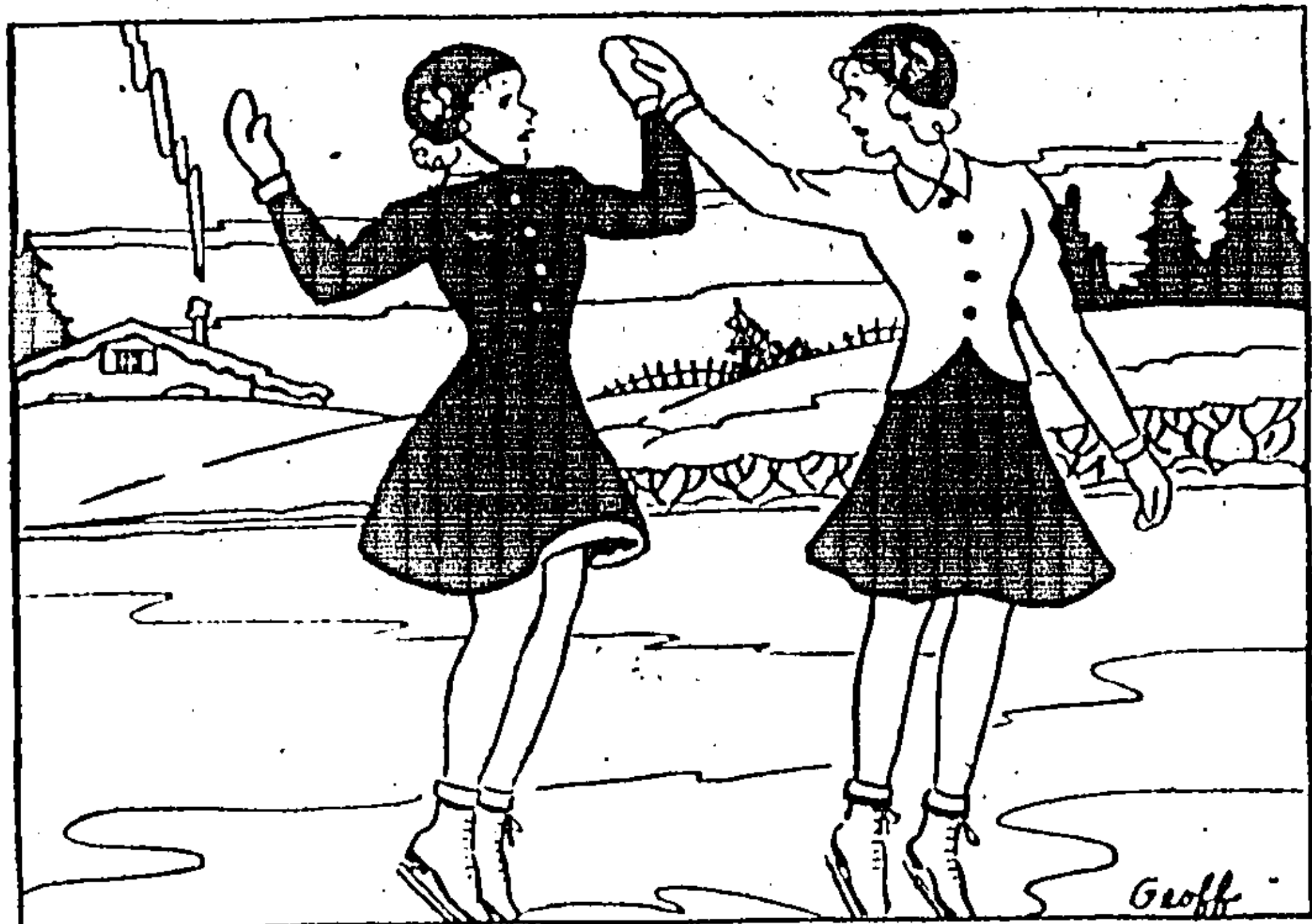
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



Ice skating is a pleasing and picturesque way to exercise. It beautifies the entire body and therefore every girl should learn how to skate.

Cosmetic Conscious

This week I will consider the lucky gals who may indulge in winter sports—skating, skiing, snow-sledding, tobogganing or snow-shoeing!

Active and spectator sports clothes this year have borrowed inspiration from the Tyrol and have gone in for the gayest of colours and splashiest of embroidered designs. So, a girl must look to her cosmetics to complete the colourful picture of chic damsels playing fashionably in the snow! Or if she is a genuine outdoor girl and cares little for the dictates of fashion, she must still protect her skin and hair.

On the protective side are foundation creams and lotions to meet the wind and sun. These fortunately come in warm complexion shades so you may use them in place of powder to preserve the "all for sport" effect. But if you like powder (and you use it for after-sports

A Practical, Button-front Dress

Button-front dresses are smart right now, and of course they are always popular for house wear. This design will be a favourite for many other reasons, too. It has an unusually nice figure line, drawn in at the waist by simple darts that give a princess effect. The sash ties in the back make it adjustable, so that you can draw it in as much or little as you please, and be sure of freedom for working.

Nice deep armholes add to its comfort. Gathers beneath shoulder yokes give becoming fullness where you want it. All in all, this is such a trim, becoming dress that it will be practical for street and shopping, too, if you make it of wool or sports silk for home wear make it in such household cottons as percale, gingham, calico for home wear.



wear) see that you buy it in a shade matching your protective lotion.

Many girls require a body lotion too, and of course oil for nails and thick creams for hands. That keeps your hands fragile and nice looking for the more romantic hours of dancing.

You can have a lot of fun experimenting with several shades of vivid lipsticks and nail polishes but I would leave the eye shadow and mascara home. A brow pencil is sufficient or a brow brush.

If you want true comfort you will by all means, carry with you eye aids, such as cream, bathing solution, soothing eye pads and dark glasses.

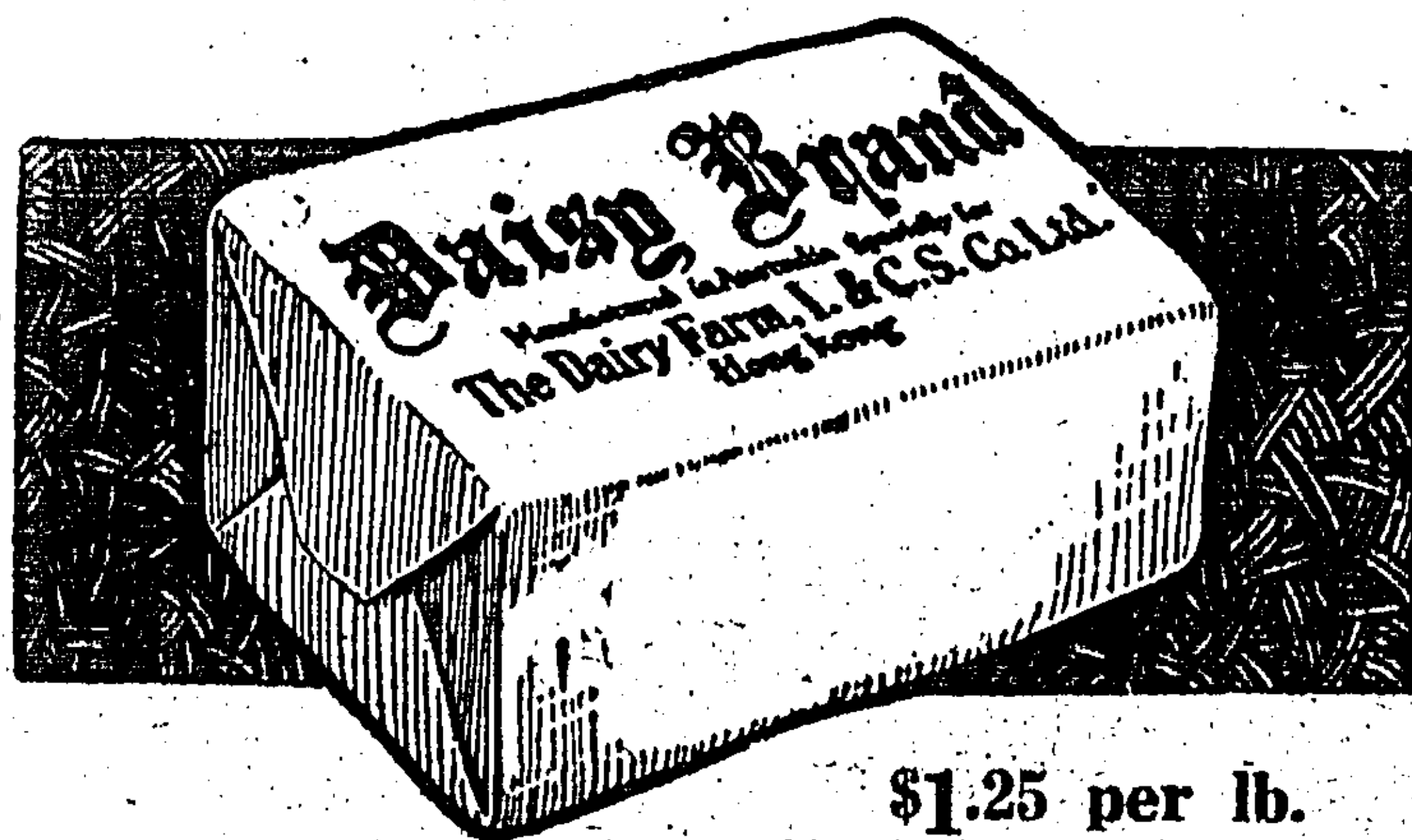
As far as colours go it is reported that navy blue, dark green and

gray are the only sober notes. Royal blue, scarlet, violet, wedgewood blue, fuchsia, plum, wine, apple green, rosy rust and gold are all displayed effectively in the wardrobes featured. So your real concerns regarding outdoor make-up will be water-proof rouge and lip colouring in shades to harmonise with the colours you wear, and of course matching nail polishes.

It is good to remember that fancy coiffures have no place in the scene. Your hair simply styled and lustrous with a well brushed sheen are what you must strive for. Colourful simplicity is the keynote and do not betray your inexperience by appearing too dressed up or wearing too much make-up!

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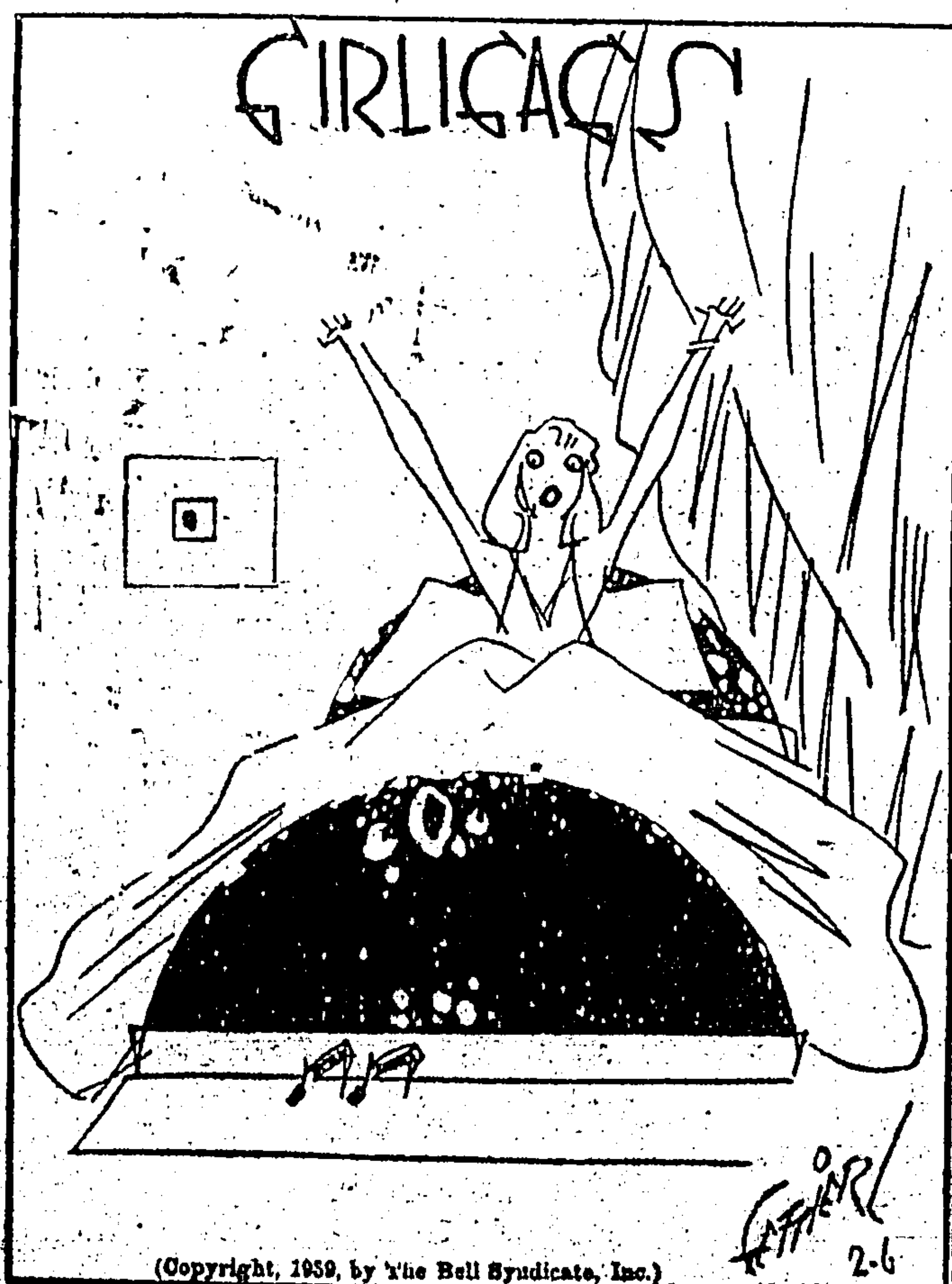
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"A hick town," says pertinent Polly, "is a place where they turn in just about the time the city slickers turn out."

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

You were born under the Zodiacal sign "aries." Arians are very independent, quick-acting and ambitious. Leadership is inherently theirs, frequently being the means whereby they acquire wealth and become the influencing factor in many lives. High ideals, particularly regarding moral standards,

are among the outstanding characteristics of those born on this date. Frequently possessed of some distinctly artistic talent, the opportunity to develop it is the only thing needed to bring fame and prosperity. A forgiving disposition prevents the children of aries from engaging in quarrels of any long duration. A fine sense of humour, plenty of optimism and an appreciation of the beautiful things of life, make them dislike anything bordering upon the morbid or repulsive, especially in the way of narratives, books or plays. Country life seldom appeals to anyone born under this sign, unless accustomed to it from early childhood. The diamond and amethyst are the natal stones for aries, and the daisy, violet and but-

tercup are the flowers. As a rule Tuesday should be an exceptionally good day for any business or planning that has to be done. Husbands, wives and sweethearts of genial and generous dispositions usually assure a future filled with happiness.

If a woman and March 21 is your birthday, red and pink are colours you should find advantageous to use. You may feel you are a law unto yourself, particularly regarding conventionalities. You ought to be far-sighted, with sufficient vision to plan well for the future. You are apt to be intensely loyal to your family and friends. As an accountant, author, broker, sales agent, artist, musician or teacher your ability might receive flattering recognition. Your chances of contracting a successful and happy marriage are excellent.

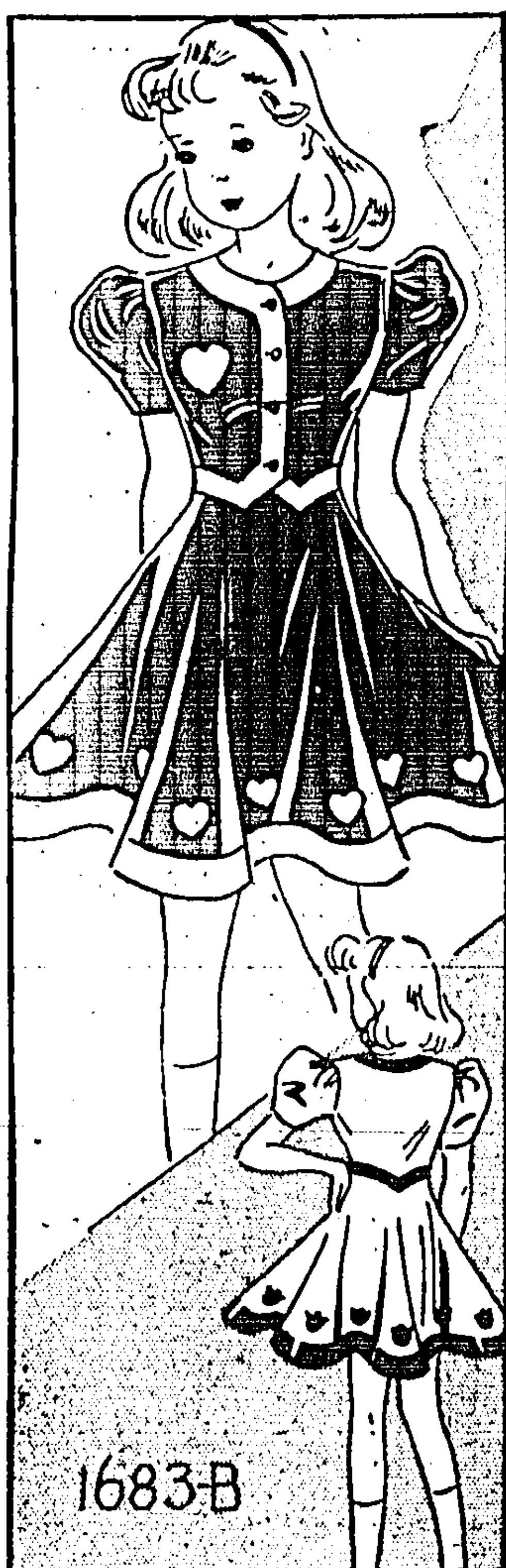
The child born on March 21 must not, through an excess of exuberant spirit, be permitted to make a pest of itself, by disturbing relatives, friends and neighbours. Too frequently the parents of children born on this date are inconsiderately overindulgent with their youngsters, causing the child to earn the justified indignation of the victims petty annoyances and pranks.

Witty Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl-friend is sure when her beau says he just can't see these cock-eyed hats, he means she should wear hers straight on her head.

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This design has just the lines that growing girls take to most kindly. The round neckline covers up their collar bones, the puff sleeves have a filling-out effect, the circular skirt has a beautiful swirl to it. Just think how charming it will look in taffeta, organdy or dimity.

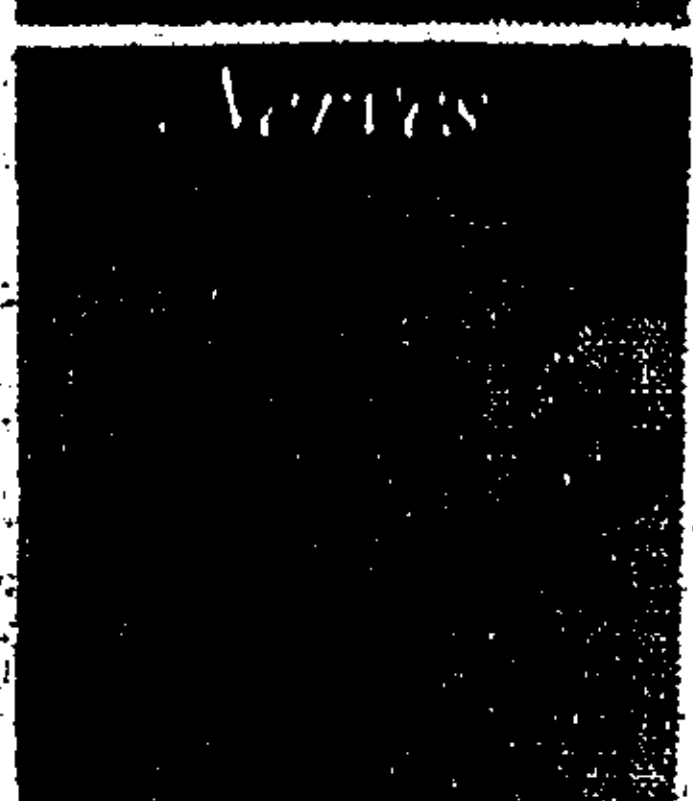
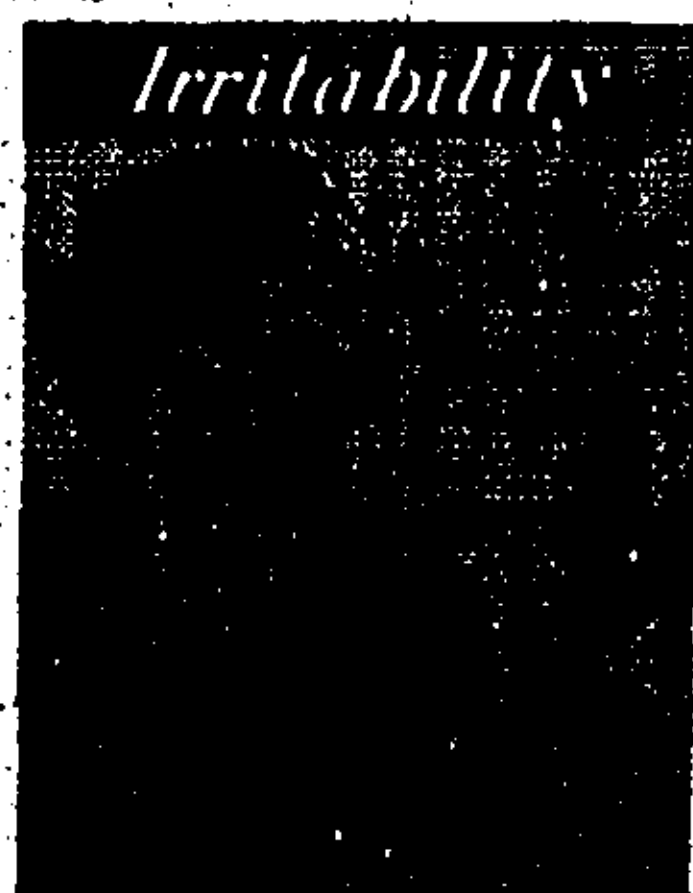
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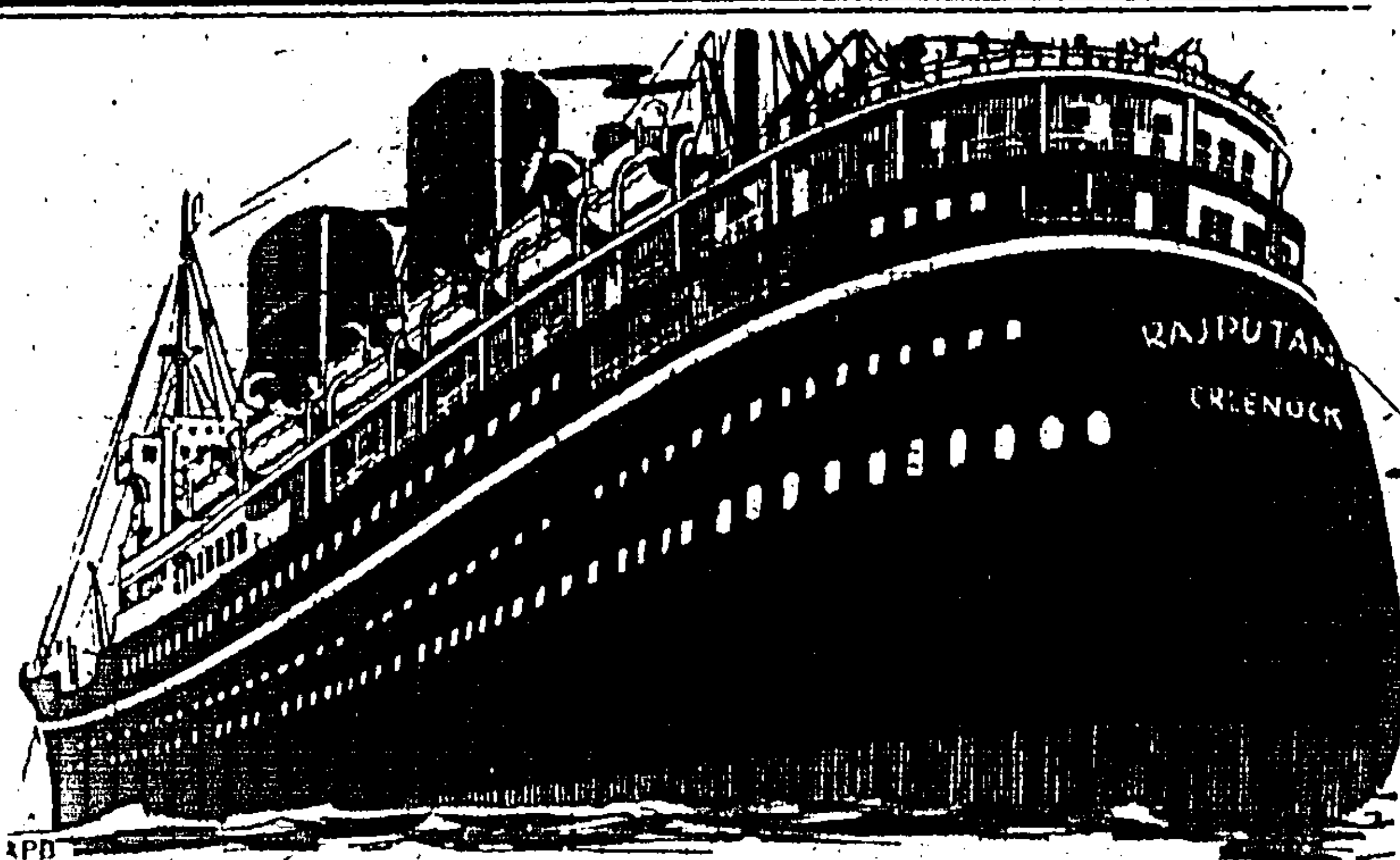
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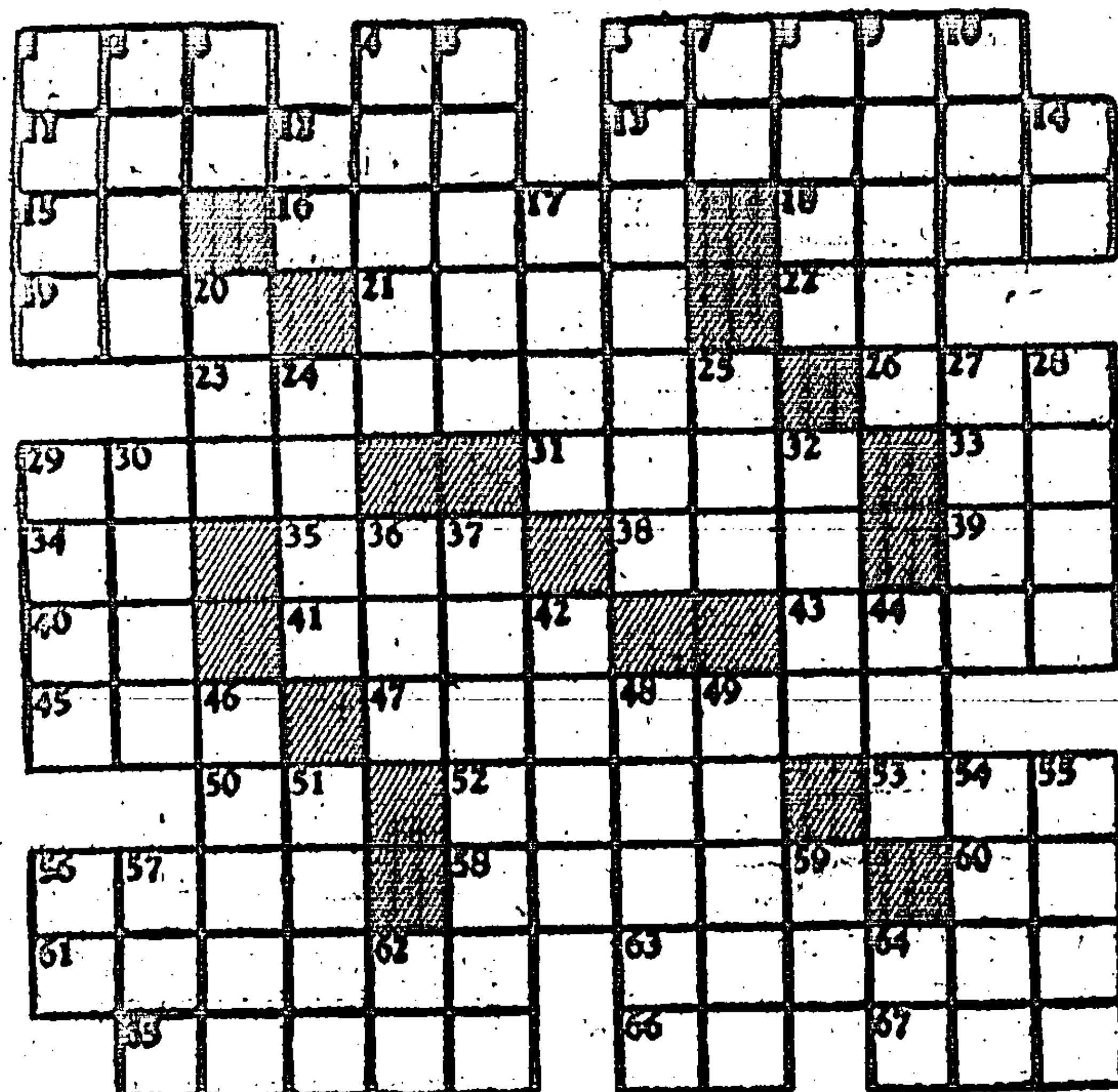
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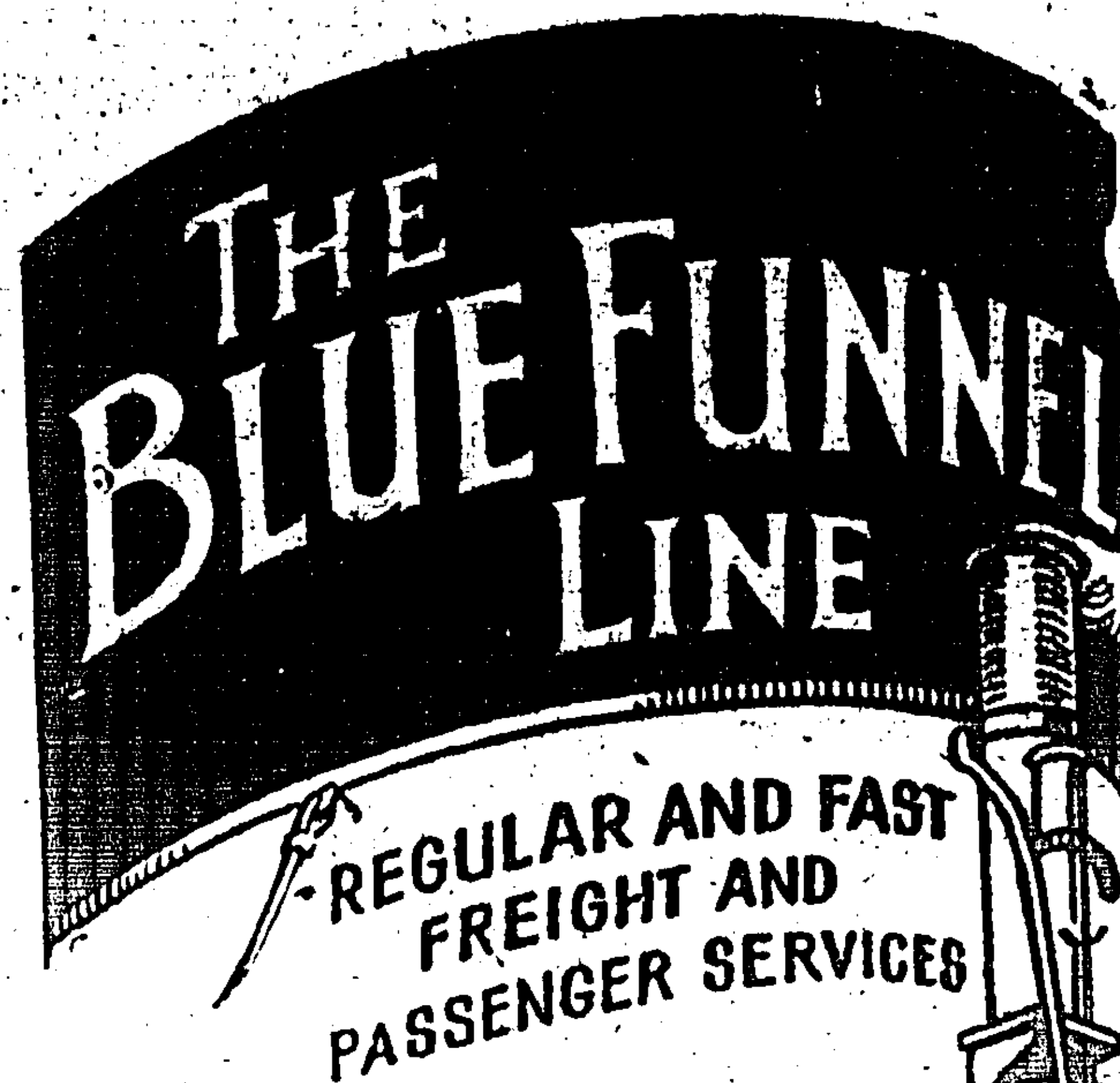
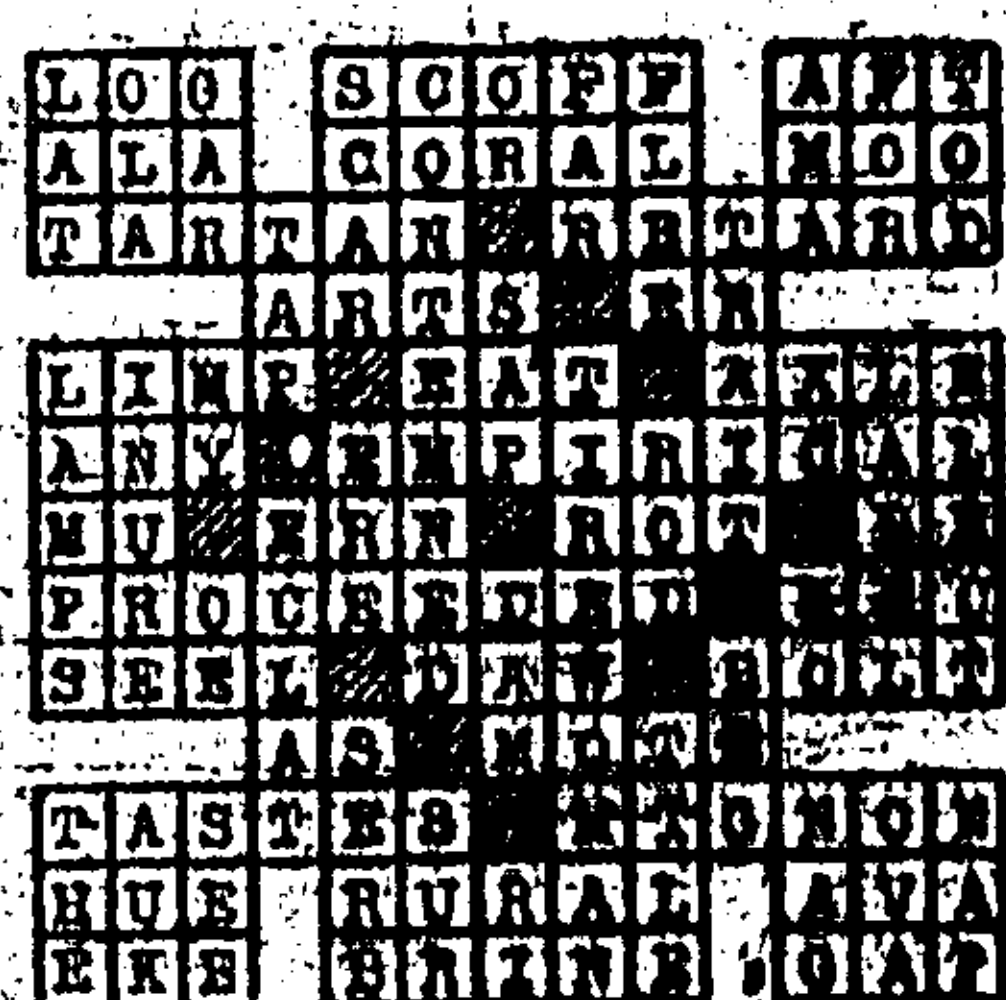
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- 47 To understand

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- 14 Babylonian god
- 17 Acid
- 20 Greek letter
- 24 Pile
- 25 Female rabbit
- 27 Sloth
- 28 Kind of roof
- 29 Semetic deity
- 30 Ceremony
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- 36 Foolish
- 37 Threobaggers
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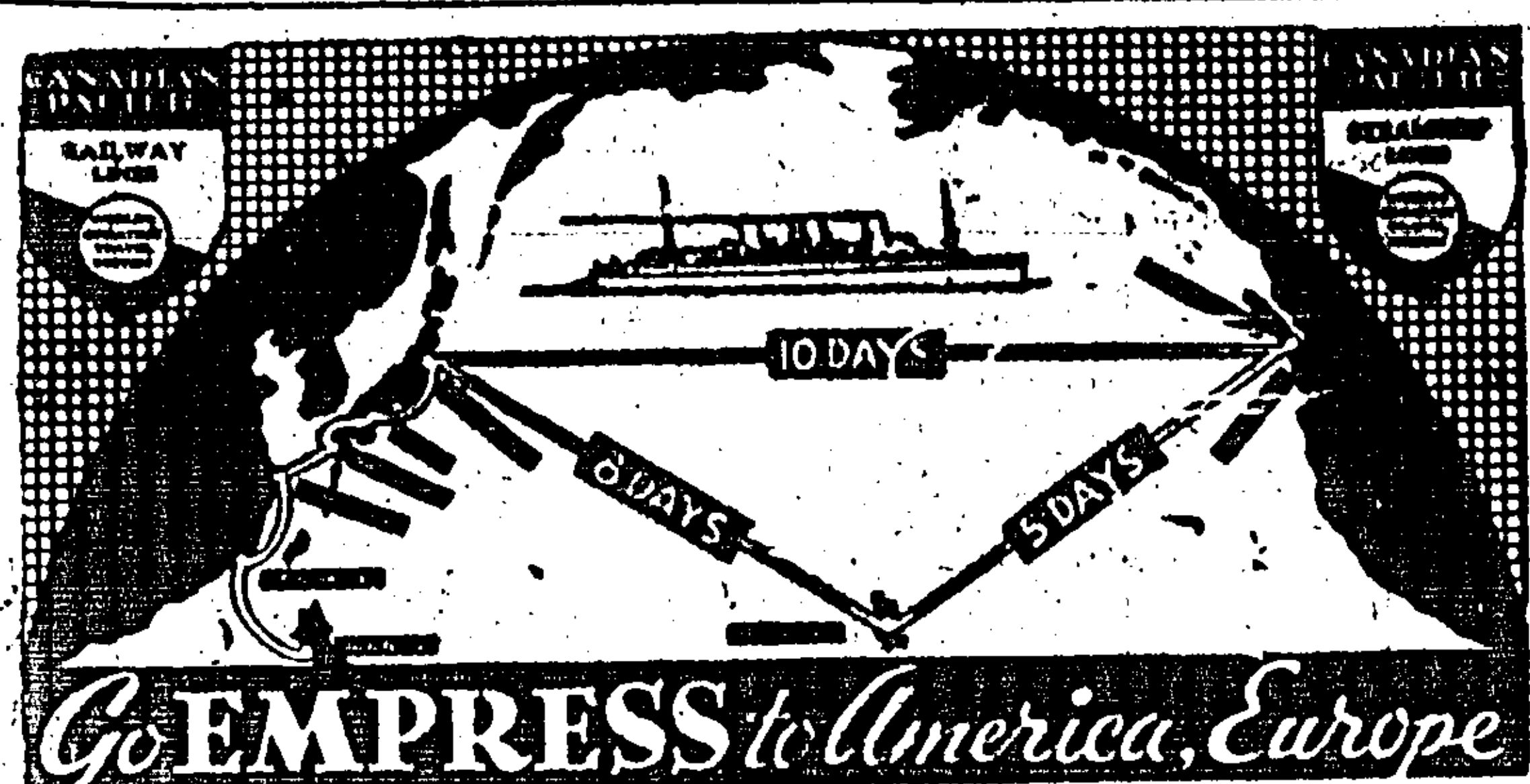
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CHEAPER BY 12½ PER CENT.

Last year the South American countries from whom Italy and Germany obtained wool reduced their purchases of British cloth considerably, and because of bilateral trade agreements they gave preferential entry to Italian and German manufactures.

Apparently aided by a subsidy, Germany has been selling merino yarns as much as 12½ per cent. cheaper than Britain in Scandinavia, the Baltic States and Eastern Europe. Italy also appears to be subsidising her wool textile trade.

The following table shows Britain's cloth imports in recent years in square yards, and Italy's increasing share:

Year	Total imports	From Italy
1936	5,000,000	263,000
1937	8,250,000	Over 4,150,000
1938	12,000,000	Over 6,000,000

The Italian imports for 1938 were equivalent to 500,000 square yards a month, but in January of this year they jumped to 760,000.

LOW PRICES

Last year Italy took from us only 446,000 square yards of wool fabrics. She used to buy a considerable weight of English wool, but last year reduced this item also.

Buyers in England are being approached by Italian and other foreign makers offering cloths at prices the English mills cannot equal. There have been examples of Italian sellers cutting their prices still further as soon as English mills quoted the same price. Cheaper labour alone cannot explain the low Italian prices.

All the fabrics Italy sends into England could be made here. Many mills have idle machinery, and some may be forced to close.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/16 and forward at 19/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.6818 and the New York-London rate at £-U.S.\$4.68-1/4.

Three years' hard labour was imposed on Tsang On, Tong Ping and Yu Yun by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning for robbing three women of jewellery, clothing and money at Shauiwan on January 21 last.

ANGLO-INDIAN COTTON PACT SIGNED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY BENEFITS BY THE PROVISIONS OF A TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND INDIA SIGNED YESTERDAY WHICH IS TO REMAIN IN FORCE FOR THREE YEARS.

In order to compensate for some preferences on British goods which have now been discontinued, India undertakes to reduce duties on British cotton goods in the first year from 20 per cent. to 15 per cent. ad valorem with corresponding reductions on printed goods and grey goods.

Duties in subsequent years will depend on the volume of exports of such goods to India and the amount of Indian raw cotton taken by the United Kingdom.

Preferences enjoyed on British markets by India under the Ottawa Agreement (which the new agreement supercedes) are with few exceptions continued.

Each party agrees to extend to the other any tariff preferences accorded now or in future to any Dominion or South Rhodesia.

With regard to the Colonial Empire, provisions of the Ottawa Agreement are generally retained. —Reuter.

ITALY SNEERS AT YOUNG ENGLAND

"The young Englishman does not wish to be a soldier," writes the Rome Tribuna in a reference to the British appeal for voluntary national service.

"That means to say, the article goes on, that the young Englishman does not feel obliged to defend his Empire at the risk of his own life and by means of an assiduous training.

"In fact he has too much faith in prestige and wealth. But to-day money is not sufficient to ensure power. Nor are arms and machines if the nation is not permeated in peace time with an ardent warlike spirit.

"That is the profound difference compared with those peoples which, although poor, have the courage to overcome every obstacle.

"It is strange that a great Empire, notwithstanding the nature of the heritage which it has to defend, should renounce an elementary necessity which is an essential duty.

"We must, therefore, infer that the spirit of the rich nations is not in keeping with abnegation and sacrifice." —Reuter.

MERCANTILE BANK DIVIDEND

The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, have received a telegram from the Head Office in London advising that at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders a Final Dividend of 6% on the "A", "B" and "C" shares will be recommended (making 12% for the year less Income Tax); \$20,000 written off Landed and House property; \$30,000 Contingency account; \$177,770 carried forward to 1939 account.

FRENCH STRENGTH IN SOMALILAND

Italy's Problems In Abyssinia

THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN FRENCH SOMALILAND AND ITS CAPITAL, JIBUTI, AND IN THE NEIGHBOURING ITALIAN EMPIRE OF ABYSSINIA, IS REVEALED IN DETAILS GIVEN BY A RELIABLE OBSERVER WHO HAS ARRIVED AT PORT SAID FROM JIBUTI.

The French, who already had a force of 3,000 Senegalese, 30 planes and two light destroyers at Jibuti, have now sent 5,000 more Senegalese, a cruiser and another destroyer to the port.

In the event of Italian aggression they have been hoping for British assistance from Aden, though the Settlement would have as much as it could do to look after itself in the event of Italian hostilities. Both the French and the Italians have been actively recruiting, the former Somalis and the latter Askaris.

DANGERS OF TRAVEL

The consensus of opinion among foreign traders is that Italy is unlikely to attack France in the vicinity of Jibuti, partly because of fear that the Abyssinians would take the opportunity to intensify their revolt.

The rebels in Abyssinia are very active, while Shiftas—brigands—roam the whole country. The Italians hold only the towns, and it is dangerous for anyone to venture even a few miles out of Addis Ababa.

It is reliably reported that there is a shortage of food even among Italians; that in some areas Italian soldiers have mutinied for this reason, and that part of the popu-



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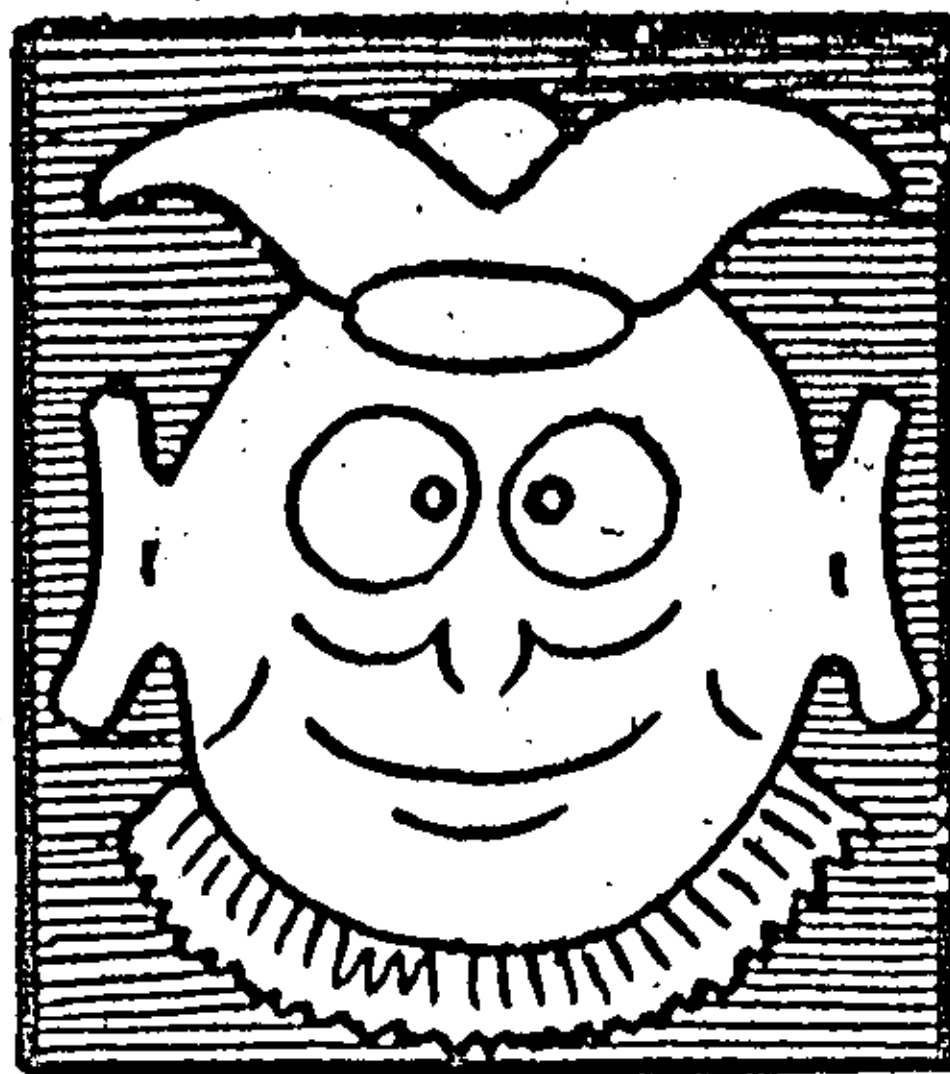
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TURN TO SEE
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FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The Italian colonisation scheme in Abyssinia is an almost total failure. Colonists who have gone into the interior are continually menaced by Shiftas, while there are insufficient means to enable them to go ahead with development work.

The Italians certainly seem to be in a desperate situation financially and economically as regards Abyssinia. In some districts they have had to abandon their great road-building programme. Some of the roads built after the war have deteriorated most seriously because there are no funds for maintenance and repair work.

Business is dead and many foreign and even Italian firms have left Addis Ababa. Most foreign traders see no future for business in Abyssinia.

GERMAN £90 CAR ORDERS FROM ENGLAND

It is understood that a number of orders from Britain for the German People's car have been received. As the factory for these cars is still under construction these contracts will probably be carried out by an Austrian motor factory.

The People's car will be sold in England under present conditions at about £90.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and entries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1350/40 sa.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	\$68 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. Docks (Old)	\$17.90 sa.
MINING	
Antamoks	Ps. .38 sa.
Atoka	Ps. .36½ sa.
Baguio Gold	Ps. .26 sa.
Benguet Consol.	Ps. 12.60 sa.
Coco Grove	Ps. .42½ sa.
Consolidated Mines	Ps. .0025 sa.
Demonstrations	Ps. .14 sa.
I. X. L.	Ps. .62 sa.
Paracale Gumaus	Ps. .16½ sa.
San Mauricio	Ps. 1.92 sa.
Suyoc Consol.	Ps. .19 sa.
United Paracales	Ps. .69 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. Realities	\$4½ b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$16 sa.
Sandakan Lights	\$11.10/10% sa.
INDUSTRIALS	
Canton	Ises \$1 b.
STORES, & C.	
Dairy Farms	\$24.90 sa.
Watsons	\$9 sa.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$44 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan	4% pm. b.

SHIP DRIFTING TO THE POLE

The Soviet icebreaker Sedof has broken the 'farthest North' record for ships set up by Dr. Nansen in the Norwegian Fram.

The Sedof was trapped for two successive winters in Arctic ice and is now steadily drifting north-west towards the Pole.

Her present bearings are 85.59 north, 119.59 east. The Fram's farthest point north was 85.55.

The Sedof's unintentional feat is being celebrated on board and Moscow broadcast a special concert for the benefit of her crew. The ship signalled that her crew heard the broadcast perfectly, and added that they were very happy in their scientific work.

Three Soviet planes will soon attempt to take the Sedof fresh food and scientific equipment. They will take off from Tikhi Bay, on Rudolf Island. The single distance is about 500 miles over uninhabited Arctic ice, and the weather in that area will make this flight a difficult adventure.

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Eddie Gosano Again Shines

Wins Softball League Title For Recreio

K. NAZARIN PITCHES GOOD BALL FOR INDIA TEAM

Dutch Bank Run Riot

(By GRAND STAND)

CLUB de Recreio copped the championship in the Men's Softball League this season when they beat Chinese Baseball Club by the small margin of 3 to 1, in a play-off encounter last Sunday. This victory gives Recreio the distinction of being the first team to win the Kwok Ying Shield.

Johnny Alvares and Tommy Chan both pitched a corking game for their respective teams, yielding only four hits and three walks apiece. Eddie Gosano again excelled and won the game for Recs., when he clouted a two-bagger in the first inning, scoring Jonny Alvares and Mike Mendonca.

Spotty Pereira played a brilliant game at the hot-corner, while A. V. Gosano covered the windy-alley in tip-top form. Nick Beltrao displayed good form at the initial-sack stretching for short throws from the infield.

GOOD SUPPORT

Tommy Chan, on the mound for CBC, received the best support from his fielders this season. Wally Ching was hot stuff at short-stop. I never saw Wally play such a brilliant game before. Pau Ka-ping, making his first appearance for the Chinese Baseball Club, gave a very good performance at third-base. Bick Szeto was again in fine shape, nabbing flies in the outfield.

WEAK BUT WON

In the International Series, Philippine Islands, despite fielding a weak team, did not have much trouble eliminating Great Britain to the tune of 7-4. George Fowler and George White taking turns on the mound for Great Britain, allowed the Islanders 12 safe hits, while Enoc Loyola, who went the full route on the slab for the Filipinos, yielded nine safeties to the Britishers.

The latter made three costly errors which cost them the game. Honorato Paulino, at short stop, was again the outstanding player for the P.I. men. Pedring Gouico put up a good showing at the initial sack, for the Filipino nine, while "Tulog" Diesta caught some difficult flies at right-field. Malvar, at centre-field, gave a very creditable display how to catch flies.

For the vanquished, Stewart and Gillispie, both from the R. A. F. squad distinguished themselves in the outfield. Stewart was unfortunate to be called out at home plate after smacking out a beautiful home-run in the first inning. In the excitement, he failed to touch home plate and was tagged after he was on the side line. Tough luck.

INDIA'S NARROW WIN

In another International clash, India subdued Portugal "B" in a close contest. The final score was 3-1. K. Nazarin, who pitched for India, held the Portuguese boys in the hollow of his hands. He only yielded one measly hit and no free-ticket to first during the game. C. Silva-Netto pitched well for Portugal "B", but was unlucky to be nicked for five hits. A. Ozorio's hit and only run prevented K. Nazarin from turning in a no-hit no-run performance!

L. Laurel's and R. Silva-Netto's miscues in the second and third inning gave the game away to the Indians. By virtue of these errors, India scored two unearned runs. The Indians played very tight-ball, making only one costly error which brought in the lone tally. Ismail Ali copped fielding honours for his good performance at right-field. O. Arculli was sure fire at short-stop, taking four chances without a miscue. For Portugal "B", Johnny Delgado, at centre and right-fields, was outstanding with his running catches. Freddie Barros covered the keystone sack admirably.

DING DONG STRUGGLE

In the Women's League, Canadian Chinese just managed to beat the Filipino girls 14-10 in a ding dong scrap. It was anybody's game till the last frame, when the "Maple Leafs" garnered three runs to put the game on ice.

Their heavy hitting, aided by nine errors, won the game for the "Canucks." Canadian Chinese registered nine hits to the Filipinos' six. The four Louie sisters were all in the limelight for the "maple Leafs." Mary Louie pitched excellent ball, while sister Dot did sterling work behind the plate and clouted three timely bingles in five times to bat. Mable Louie covered the "Hot-corner" in great style and R. Louie made some spectacular catches at centre-field.

For the Southern Gals, Fausta Dimanlig twirled an excellent ball and was the heaviest hitter of her team. Natty Failandona shone at centre-field with four catches, but was unfortunate to miss a catch which cost her team three runs. Tabunar's two-bagger was the longest hit of the fracas.

The strong Wildcat clan gave the Baby Panthers an old fashioned spanking to the tune of 25-13. Irene Tavares pitching was duck-soup for the Wildcat heavy-sluggers, who slashed 19 hits to the Panthers 9. The Panthers played very loose ball throughout the game. Lily Mar had an easy time on the mound, holding down her opponents only nine hits. Doris Mar played a good game behind the plate for Wildcats, and her stick work accounted for five well placed hits. "Zaza" Chan, a newcomer to the Wildcats, did some good fielding at the keystone sack.

Without the services of Stewart and Gillispie, who were playing for Great Britain in the International series, a weak R. A. F. team lost to Texaco tossers by 21 to 12 in their Inter-Hong League fixture. Frank Lesan must have been practising hard of late, because his pitching

SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL RESULTS AT A GLANCE

The following were the results of yesterday's Softball matches:
Men's League (Play-Off)
Recreio 3, Chinese Baseball Club 1.
Women's League
Canadian Chinese 14, Filipinos 10.
Wildcats 25, Panthers 13.
International Series
Philippines 7, Great Britain 4.
India 3, Portugal "B" 1.
Inter-Hong League
Socony 15, National City Bank 8.
Texaco 24, R.A.F. 12.
Dutch Bank 27, American Express 3.

was much improved. His speed and accuracy was most consistent. Baynham pitched good ball for the Airmen, but did not obtain the usual support of his fielders. Third baseman Frank Schmidt, and second baseman B. Verevkin, both newcomers to the Texaco nine, played like veterans in their respective positions. H. Barros, after three weeks lay-off on account of an injury, reappeared at the windy-alley for Texaco and was in good form.

RAN THEMSELVES RAGGED

The Dutch Bankers almost ran themselves ragged last Sunday when they gave the American Express squad a 33 to 3 trouncing. The scorer had a brain storm keeping track of plays in the merry-go-round. According to the score book, the Dutche Bankers registered 17 hits, while 14 errors were made by American Express.

Amexco used three pitchers in Honus Waggoner, De Jesus and Ismael, but to no avail. The Dutch Bankers pounded their offerings all over King's Park. Honus Waggoner, who is the only ball player in the Amexco team, played practically in all positions during the seven innings but as it takes nine men to play the game, his efforts could not hold the opposition. Coelho, the NIHB moundsman, only allowed the Amexco batters four hits. S. E. Souza and C. A. Barretto knocked two homers each.

Socony registered another win when they humbled National City Bank 15 to 8. Brown was the most outstanding player for Socony. A. V. Gosano made five hits in as many times at bat, but his fielding was not as good as usual. Henry Noronha pitched very well for National City Bank. C. Roza-Pereira was very dependable behind the plate. M. Gaan made the longest hit for his side. B. Baldwin, at left-field, made some good catches.



Yesterday's Rugby Results

London, To-day.
The following were the results of yesterday's Rugby Union matches:
Neath 6 Oxford University 10.
Cross Keys 14 Newport 10.
Llanelli 6 Swansea 3.
In a Rugby League encounter, Wakefield Trinity lost at home to Castleford by 11 points to 8.—Router.

Colony Badminton Semi-Finals

PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

The following are the semi-final round matches in the Colony Open Badminton Championships:

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Junior Singles

J. S. Ho v. S. H. Boone (Taikoo), 8 p.m.

Senior Singles

P. K. Hui v. F. Koh (Taikoo), 8.30 p.m.

M. A. Oliveira or K. L. Yong v. C. Au (Taikoo), 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Junior Singles

D. Kwok v. P. Lo (Taikoo), 8 p.m.

Mixed Doubles

K. L. Yong and Miss W. Cheung v. P. K. Hui and Miss Khoo or A. Keown and Miss R. Summers (Taikoo), 8.30 p.m.

C. Au and Miss Remedios v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Taikoo), 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

(Men's Doubles)

P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim v. C. Au and F. Koh (Club de Recreio), 8 p.m.

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong v. M. A. Oliveira and F. Carvalho (Taikoo), 8 p.m.



Middlesex Boxing Tourney

The boxing tournament organised by the Middlesex Regiment and held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, last night provided a full programme of good boxing and keen contests.

There were several good mixing bouts, but Private Moran, an outstanding light-heavyweight of the host Regiment, was able to dispose of his opponent too easily to show much of his prowess.

Col. A. L. Newnham, Officer Commanding, presented the prizes at the end of the evening.

The results were:

Bantamweight.—Pte. Williams (Middlesex) knocked out Spr. Murphy (Fortress R.E.) 1st round; Spr. Diamond (Fort. R.E.) beat Pte. Panting (Mid.).

Featherweight.—Pte. Dormer (Mid.) beat Pte. Bickley (R.A.M.C.); A. B. Upton (H.M.S. Birmingham) beat Pte. Hope (Mid.); Pte. Hugginson (Mid.) beat Gnr. Campbell (5th A.A.) t.k.o. 1st round; Pte. Smith (Mid.) w.o. Pte. Goldburn.

Lightweight.—Cpl. Ellis (Mid.) beat L/Sgt. Lewis (R.E.), t.k.o. 2nd round; Pte. McElhatton (Mid.) beat P. Childress (R.A.M.C.); L/Cpl. Phillips (Mid.) beat Pte. Varty (R.A.M.C.), k.o. 1st round.

Welterweight.—Cpl. Freshwater (Mid.) w.o. Trooper Robinson (5th A.A.); Cpl. Holdford (Mid.) beat Pte. Jacob (R.A.M.C.), k.o. 2nd round; Pte. Geist (Mid.) beat Spr. Cox (Fort R.E.); Pte. Eaton (Mid.) beat A. B. Barnett (H.M.S. Birmingham), k.o. 1st round; Pte. Milroy (Mid.) beat Spr. Cunningham (Fort. R.E.), k.o. 1st round.

Middleweight.—L/Cpl. Seton (Mid.) beat Pte. Goulden (R.A.M.C.); L/Cpl. Webster (Mid.) beat Spr. Spencer (Fort. R.E.).

Light-Heavyweight.—Pte. Fawcett (Mid.) beat L/Cpl. Fox (Mid.); Pte. Moran (Mid.) beat Sto. Rodgers (H.M.S. Birmingham), t.k.o. 2nd round; L/Cpl. Betts (Mid.) beat Gnr. Pearson (8th Heavy Bty., R.A.).

Recreio Pair Cause Upset

W.C. Hung & E.C. Fincher Fail Against A.V. Gosano And J. J. Remedios

(By "REFEREE")

A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios caused a major upset yesterday in the First Round of the Colony's Open Doubles Championship, when they beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung after a gruelling encounter in which the second set was taken to 26 games before the losing pair the net on every possible occasion virtually turned the tide in their squared the issue. Fincher and Hung cracked up badly in the final set, however, when the Recreio pair only dropped one game for set and match.

Both Fincher and Hung were in very disappointing form, the latter especially failing at the net where his overhead was shockingly weak. Fincher was well below his usual form, but in fairness to the winners, it must be said that the Portuguese pair played a brand of tennis far and above expectations.

Summed up in a few words, the Portuguese pair's storming of the net on every possible occasion virtually turned the tide in their favour, for Fincher and Hung's lobbing was invariably short or very rare.

Gosano was probably the steadiest of the four players on view, although Remedios' splendid first service and grand overhead work gained many valuable points at a crucial stage of the match. Remedios, who is a well-known badminton player, brought several of these strokes into play, his angle volleying and drop shots in the corners just over the net, frequently beating Fincher and Hung. His best stroke, however, was a top-spin drive which dropped quickly, completely deceiving the veteran Tournament pair.

Although Remedios' backhand was very reliable, his forehand volleying let him down on many occasions. Gosano was content to drive from the baseline, but frequently stormed the net where his interceptions secured several winners.

Hung's usually reliable backhand drive misfired more often than not, while instead of playing to Gosano, who was very weak at the net, both Hung and Fincher concentrated on Remedios with disastrous results, the latter's accurate backhand volleying scoring outright winners.

The second set provided a ding-dong struggle and although at one stage it looked as if the Portuguese

pair would win fairly comfortably, Fincher and Hung rallied from 1-4 down. Some of the best tennis of the match was witnessed in subsequent games, the score ultimately reaching 12 all, when the Portuguese pair cracked up, Remedios driving into the net on two occasions, while Gosano overdrove the baseline.

The exertions of the second set had a disastrous effect on the K.C.C. pair, who could do little right. Remedios and Gosano, on the other hand, immediately settled down to a steady brand of tennis and won the first three games in a row, conceded the fourth and then won the next three in a row for set and match.

In the other matches, Capt. Loch and Lt. Tomlinson proved no match for Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, while the I.R.C. pair of I.M.A. Razack and A. R. Minu also advanced to the next round.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Yesterday's results at a glance were:—

Open Singles

Peter U beat Lieut. J. S. Theobald 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.
S. W. Liang beat Wei Chung 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Tsoi Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen 6-4, 7-5.

Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau beat Lieut. J. M. Tomlinson and L. J. C. Loch 6-1, 6-1.

A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung 6-3, 12-14, 6-1.

Club Handicap Singles

F. A. Joseph (-1.6) beat C. W. E. Bishop (-1.6) 6-4, 7-5.

E. R. Childe (+1.6) beat L. P. Ralph (+1.6) 6-4, 6-4.

Surg. Comdr. C. B. Nicholson (-3.6) beat J. Thomson (-2.6) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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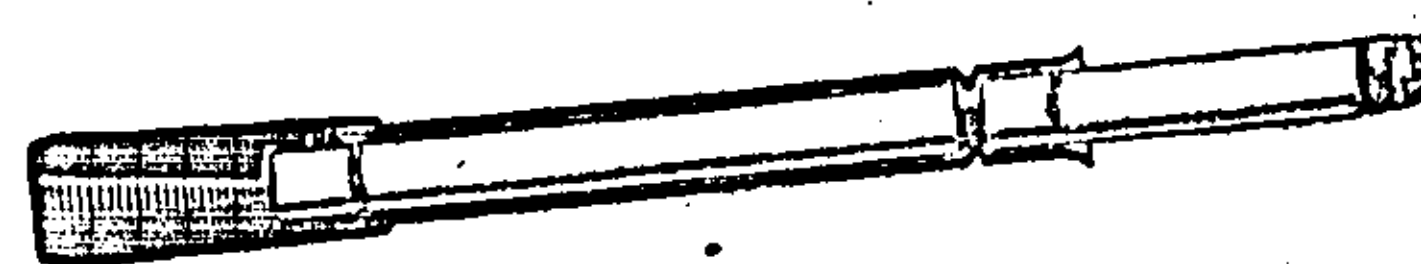
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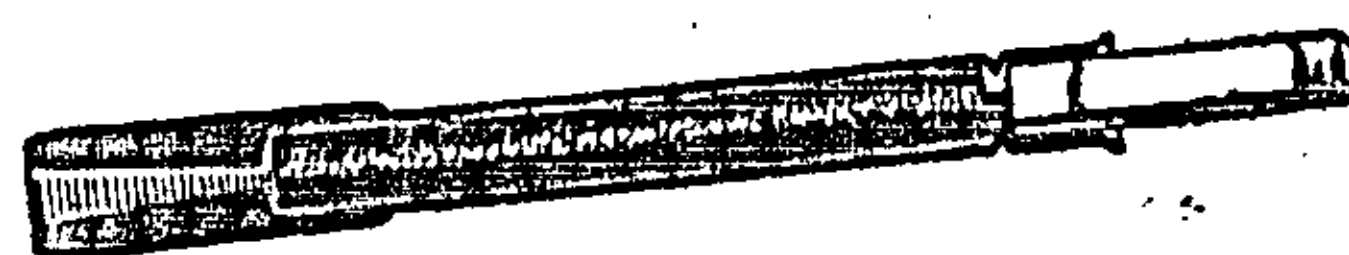
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To-Day's Tennis Matches

Three matches in the Colony Singles Tennis Championship will be featured this afternoon, the most interesting encounter being between Sirdar Rumjahn and George Choa. H. D. Rumjahn, who scraped through the first round at the expense of Wong Fuk-nam, will meet the left-handed H. Kwok.

The following is to-day's programme, giving the number of the court on which the match is being played:

Open Singles

S. A. Rumjahn v. George Choa (5),
Wong Shiu-wing v. W. K. Ma (7),
H. Kwok v. H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Championship

T. J. Gould v. B. O'M. Deane (1),
A. Pearce v. T. C. Monaghan (2).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden (+2.6)
v. H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull (+3.6)
(3).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. C. Heavan and A. K. Mackenzie
(-1.6) v. E. R. and T. J. Price (-1.6)
(4).

Club Handicap Singles

Capt. R. B. Lecky (-1.5) v. C. M. Stark (+3.6) (6).



Four horses were killed in the first two races at the National Hunt meeting at Cheltenham on March 7—the most important fixture of the winter season—and there were many falls. Photo shows—A striking study of the field taking the first jump in the second race, the United Hunts' Challenge Cup Chase, showing the stands and huge crowds in the background. (Copyright, Fox)

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CALL OVER FOR TO-MORROW'S LINCOLNSHIRE

London, To-day.

The following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which will be run to-morrow over one mile:

Domaha 8 to 1.
Galsonia 100 to 9.
Aldino 100 to 6 t and o.
Mahalo 18 to 1 o, 20 to 1 t.
Rose Town 20 to 1 o, 22 to 1 t.
Temeraire 20 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Halcyon Gift 20 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
St. Andrew's 22 to 1 t and o.
Daily Break 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Zaimis 25 to 1 t and o.
Dark Tolly 25 to 1 o.
Agincourt 28 to 1 t and o.
Davy-do-Little 28 to 1 o.
Dundee 33 to 1 t and o.
Croisun 50 to 1 o, 66 to 1 t.
Sir Pomm 50 to 1 o, 66 to 1 t.
—*Reuter.*

LATEST CALL OVER FOR GRAND NATIONAL

London, To-day.

The following is the latest call-over for the Grand National Steeplechase, which will be run over the Aintree Course, at Liverpool on Friday:—

Kilstar 7 to 1 t and o.
Workman 10 to 1 o, 100 to 9 t.
Royal Danieli 100 to 9 t and o.
Teme Willow 13 to 1 o, 14 to 1 t.
Royal Mail 100 to 9 o, 18 to 1 t.
Rockquilla 18 to 1.
Brendan's Cottage 20 to 1 o.
Under Bld 22 to 1 t and o.
Coolen 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
MacMoffat 22 to 1 o.
Inversible 30 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
—*Reuter.*

SIR J. CAHN'S XI COMPLETES N. ZEALAND TOUR

Auckland, To-day.

Sir Julian Cahn's cricketers ended their tour of New Zealand with a drawn match against Auckland. The visitors scored 456, to which Auckland replied with 270. Following on, the home team scored 304 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn.—*Reuter.*

International Polo Rules Revised

Need For Uniformity In Umpiring:

HURLINGHAM PROPOSALS

(By R. SHEEP SHANKS)

In polo, owing to the pace at which the game is played, the different angles from which any particular point is viewed, and the strict necessity for providing by rule against the risk of serious accident, differences of opinion frequently arise regarding the correct interpretation of the rules in their application to particular incidents.

Not so long ago, for instance, the spectators at an important game in London were enlivened by an eminent but irascible player striding into the pavilion at the conclusion of the match and announcing in a stentorian voice: "The trouble about this game is that the umpires don't know the rules."

These differences are constantly being referred to the legislative authorities for the game in England, America and India, and the decisions upon them have led to certain variations between the rules in force in the different countries.

With the increase in interest in international polo, the desirability of having a uniform international code has been recognised, and the task of drafting one has been undertaken by the Hurlingham Rules Committee, with the full approval of the American and Indian Polo Associations.

TO APPLY TO ALL COUNTRIES

The chairman of the committee is Lord Louis Mountbatten who is equally well known as a first-class exponent of the practice of the game and as possessing a thorough knowledge of the theory and rules. Under his auspices a great amount of work has been done with the utmost thoroughness.

The English, American and Indian rules have been collated, the differences between them have been pointed out, and the proposed international rules have been stated, with explanatory notes. They are now in circulation to the Polo Associations throughout the world. It is proposed that, when agreed upon, they shall apply wherever polo is played, it being left open to each country to frame for itself any supplementary rules which its peculiar circumstances may call for.

Such a rule, for instance, will be the English one barring professionalism, which is held to be required in this country, but not in America or India, where polo has never been threatened with professionalism.

SHORTER PERIODS

The object of the committee has been to unify and clarify the rules, making as few amendments of substances as possible. A noticeable amendment, so far as England is concerned, is that the English rule regarding the length of the playing period will in future conform to America and India, making it 7½ minutes instead of eight. When this time has elapsed the period will terminate either, as in the present rule, when the ball hits the boards or as soon as the umpires hold it to be in a neutral position.

This shortening of the period will be welcomed by ponies and their owners, for it is at the end of a period that ponies which have been hard ridden throughout are apt to break down.

The all-important rule regarding crossing has been entirely redrafted and rearranged. One substantive amendment to it is proposed to the effect that a player is to be penalised for entering or crossing the "right of way," not only when his doing so is dangerous, but also when it interferes with the stroke of the player in possession.

This amendment is akin to the English rule passed last year against intimidation; that is to say, riding towards an opponent in a way which he may think to be dangerous, though it is not really so. It is to be hoped that the amendment and the intimidation rule will both be dropped.

PENALTY

The penalty should be confined to riding which is, in fact, dangerous, and a player who allows himself to be in-

British Westchester Cup Team Preparing

MR. GERALD BALDING ON THE PROSPECTS

New York.

The British polo team, which is to challenge the United States for the Westchester Cup for the fourth time since 1921, are now preparing for their practice matches at Midwick, California. The Cup matches take place at Meadowbrook, Long Island, in June.

WEDNESDAY HELD TO DRAW BY CHESTERFIELD

London, To-day. — In a Second Division League match held yesterday, Sheffield Wednesday were held at home to a goalless draw by Chesterfield. — Reuter.

timidated by riding which is not so should either take a nerve tonic or take to some game other than polo.

The difficulties which arise in umpiring cases of crossing are mainly due to the great latitude given to umpires in awarding penalties for it. Formerly a cross was either dangerous or not. If dangerous, the penalty was a 40-yard hit at an open goal. If not, no penalty was incurred.

Subsequently, it was enacted that degrees of danger should be recognised, and umpires were empowered to award a 60-yard hit at a packed goal as an alternative to the 40-yard penalty. The difference is an immense one. In the 40-yard case the odds are 4 to 1 on a goal; in the 60-yard case they are 5 to 1 against.

UMPIRES AND PENALTIES

The result was that a tendency developed among umpires to avoid imposing the severer penalty in close and important games, and to content themselves with the lesser one. A striking instance of this will be remembered by those who saw the 1936 international matches. A corresponding tendency developed among venturesome players to take a chance in the matter of crossing in the hope of incurring only the minor penalty. This is the reason why so many games have been spoilt in recent years by the frequent use of the whistle.

The draft rules—unfortunately, as some may think—leave this position as it is. So far as this country is concerned, it is likely to be improved by the decision to appoint a Chief Umpire for England. He will be appointed by the London Polo Committee, and will officiate at each London club in turn during the season. He will also tour the country clubs when not on duty in town.

UNIFORMITY

This appointment will doubtless lead to a greater degree of uniformity in umpiring, and to a better understanding of decisions.

All followers of polo will be sincerely grateful to the Hurlingham Polo Association, and in particular to Lord Louis Mountbatten and Lt.-Col. Gannon for the pains they have taken over the revision of the rules, and will recognise the skill with which their difficult task has been performed.

WESTCHESTER POLO CUP DATES FIXED

Los Angeles. Mr. John Lakin, a member of the British team challenging for the Westchester Cup, may well have established a record when he went out to practice here only six and a half days after leaving London. The Westchester Cup matches take place at Meadowbrook, Long Island, on June 4, 11 and 18, states Mr. Robert Strawbridge, Jr., chairman of the United States Polo Association.

Westcott Scores Two Great Goals

WOLVES ENTER CUP SEMI-FINAL

London, March 4.

By two o'clock there were over 50,000 people present at the Molineux ground for the tie between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Everton, and some of the gates had to be closed. Ambulance men were busy. A quarter of an hour before the start workmen endeavoured to drain water which had formed in pools in front of each goalmouth, following the heavy rain.

Everton brought in Watson at left-half in place of Thomson, who was unfit. Wolverhampton started with a fierce rush, and within a couple of minutes Everton were twice penalised. Dorsett tried a long shot when Sagar was out of his goal, but the ball went wide. The players had difficulty in keeping their feet on the slippery turf, but the football was always fast and thrilling.

Everton, showing plenty of confidence, held their own well, and Boyes, on the left wing, caused the home defence some anxious moments. Once Mullen centred finely in a Wolves' attack, and Everton were lucky to escape this danger. The Wolves were quicker on the ball, but could make no impression on a dour Everton defence.

DEFENCES PREVAIL

The defences prevailed, Cullis keeping a firm hold on Lawton, and Jones subduing Westcott. Wolves seemed a little careless, and Everton in swift bursts always looked likely to score. Boyes was always a menace, and once he nearly caught Scott napping with a quick shot. For the first half an hour there was nothing to choose between the teams. Lawton twice nearly scored; he had bad luck the second time when he slipped in the goalmouth.

Everton showed a superb defence, which made the young Wolves' forwards slow and uncertain. Jones played finely at centre-half for the visitors. Mullen was too closely marked to have much chance, and Maguire proved the most dangerous Wolverhampton forward. In a great struggle Everton began to look the better side, and sometimes it took three men to look after Lawton.

BEATEN ALL THE WAY

Wolverhampton almost ran themselves to a standstill in the first half. Then, two minutes from half-time, Westcott scored a grand goal. The young centre seized on the ball from a crowd of players, went on a couple of yards, feinted, and put in a terrific shot, which beat Sagar all the way.

Within five minutes of the re-start Everton lost the services of Watson, who collided with Dorsett and had to be taken off the field. He quickly resumed, however, and for a few minutes the Wolverhampton defence was hard pressed. The Everton forwards played grandly, but had little luck. Macquire was outstanding in the Wolves' attack, and Westcott scored another goal for them after an hour when, following a free kick by Taylor, he shook off several challenges and beat Sagar easily from close in.

WESTCOTT'S COOLNESS

The coolness with which Westcott took his chances was typical of the Wolves forwards, whose ball control, positioning, and opportunism were almost uncanny. Mullen, the sixteen-year-old winger, all but scored with a shrewd shot from the wing. Sagar having difficulty in tipping the ball over the bar, Everton fought every inch of the way, but by this time Wolverhampton were right on top.

The last ten minutes saw Everton tire perceptibly and they appeared to have given up all hope. Wolves, by contrast, finished on the top note and played super football in the mud. Even if they were below form, Wolves proved much the better side and well deserved to qualify for the semi-final.

ENGLAND SOCCER TEAM TO MEET SCOTLAND

The England soccer team to meet Scotland in the international soccer match at Glasgow on April 15 will be chosen in London on March 27.

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To-day's Wireless

Sir Nigel
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Lyric Theatre

12-12.20 p.m.—Relays of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Plana Lemnitz (Soprano). The Marriage of Figaro—"Vanished are Ye."

12.34 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major. Arthur and Karl Schnabel with the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo 1935. Massed Bands of the Aldershot Command.

1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

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1.40 p.m.—Relay of Rotary Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Professor L. Foster—"America—Some Impressions."

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) There's a Far away look in your Eye; (b) When the Heather is in Bloom; (c) Star Dust; (d) Swing Low Sweet Chariot.

Record: Some of These Days; After You've Gone... Coleman Hawkins (Tenor Saxophone).

(a) Believe Me; (b) Liza; (c) It's Wonderful; (d) Caravan.

Records: Hay White Blues; Gerry Building... Gerry Moore (Piano). Popular Selection. Intro:—After the Ball, Swanee; Forget Me Not, Daisy... Cor Steyn (Organ).

(a) Smoke Dreams; (b) You can't Stop me from Dreaming; (c) Goodnight My Love; (d) Row Row your Boat.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.05 p.m.—London Relay—Sir Nigel Playfair at the Lyric, Hammersmith. An illustrated History of La Comedie Anglaise from Make Believe to Derby Day compiled and written by Giles Playfair. Production by Gordon McConnell and Gwen Williams, The B.B.C. Theatre Chorus & Orchestra conducted by Alfred Reynolds.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Offenbach—Gaité Parisienne Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Efrem Kurtz.

8.20 p.m.—Tales of Hoffman—Potpourri (Offenbach). Marek Weber and his Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Casse Noisette Suite. Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowsky.

8.53 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor). Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak). Mother O' Mine (Kipling-Tours).

9 p.m.—Studio—"Melody Bee". Flats v. Sharps—compared by "Eeyore".

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Dance Music.

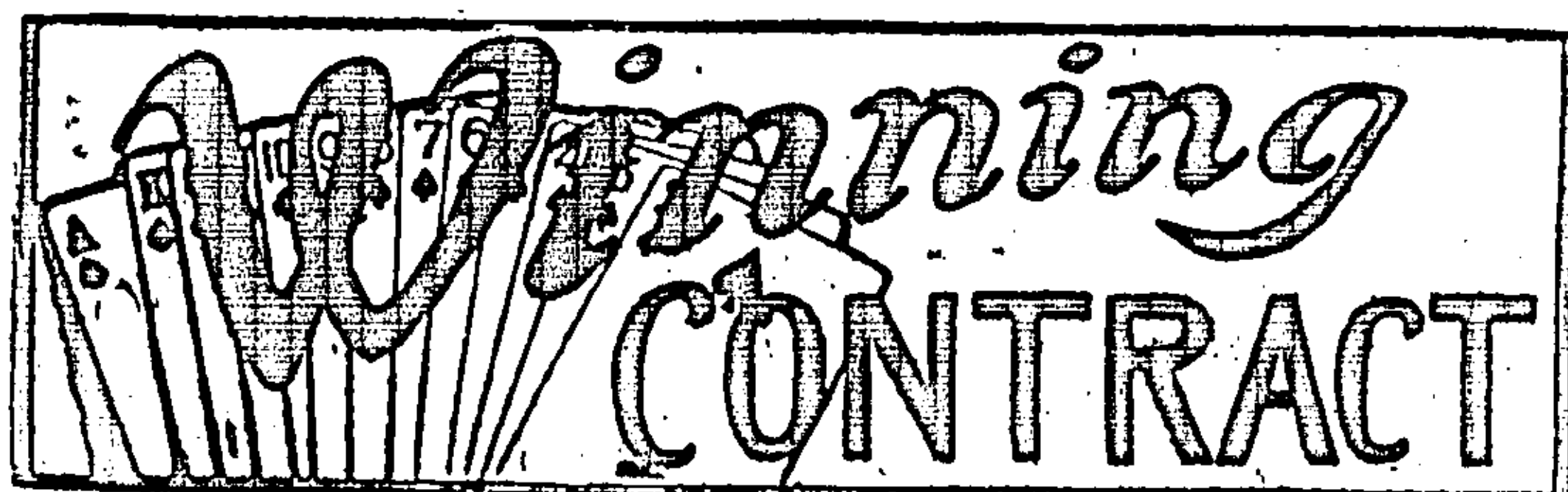
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Celebratin'... The Krakajax with Vocal Trio.
Me and the Moon... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra.

10 p.m.—London Relay—"The City of London". "The Bank of England", by the Right Hon. Montague Collet Norman, Governor of the Bank of England.

10.20 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall including Murray & Mooney, Ted Ray, and the B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.

11.20 p.m.—London Relay—State Visit of the President of the French Republic. A description of the arrival at Victoria Station of Mon. et Mme. Lebrun, broadcast from Victoria Station, London.

11.40 p.m.—Close down.



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♦ 10 6 5 4
♣ K 5 3

♠ 4
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ 3 2
♥ 4
♦ A Q J 10
♣ A Q J 10

♠ A 10 7 6 5
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ 9 7 2 2
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 2♠ Pass 3♠
Pass 3♦ Pass 4♠
Dbl. 4♦ Dbl. Redbl.
Pass Pass Pass

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QUEEN 2
JACK 1

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West opened his singleton spade. Declarer won with dummy's King and led a trump. A club was now played. South trumped, discarded one of dummy's clubs on his Ace of spades and now led another trump. When the high honours fell together, he still had one trump left to ruff dummy's remaining club, fished successfully for the Jack of hearts, since East

showed out on the second heart lead, and made five-odd doubled and redoubled at four!

In yesterday's question you were Declarer at a notrump contract and held A-x-x of diamonds. Dummy held K-J-x-x. You needed three tricks in diamonds to make your contract and there was no danger in any other suit. You also had plenty of entries in both hands. How should you have played the diamonds?

ANSWER: The correct play is the King of diamonds followed by the Ace of diamonds and a low diamond to the Jack. This play ensures three diamond tricks in the event that the Queen of diamonds is held to your left, or if the suit breaks 3-3, or if the Queen of diamonds drops on the first or second lead. It gives no play for four diamond tricks, but by definition you don't need four.

Score 100% for correct play, 70% for Ace of diamonds and second-round finesse of the Jack, 50% for finesse of the Jack on the first round.

QUESTION NO. 53.

David Bruce Burnstone is the dealer and your partner. You hold:

♠ Q x x
♥ A K x x x
♦ x x x
♣ Q x

The bidding:

Burnstone Jacoby You Schenken
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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What's On At the Cinemas

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"Pacific Liner", with Victor McLaglen, Wendie Barry, and Barry Fitzgerald. A striking cross-section of life on board an ocean steamer returning from the Orient is dramatically woven in this story wheel, reveals a unique contrast between the sophisticated passengers and the grimy, hard-driven crew toiling in the gloomy depths of the ship's hold where an epidemic of a dread malady starts a reign of terror.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March 1939, both days inclusive.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

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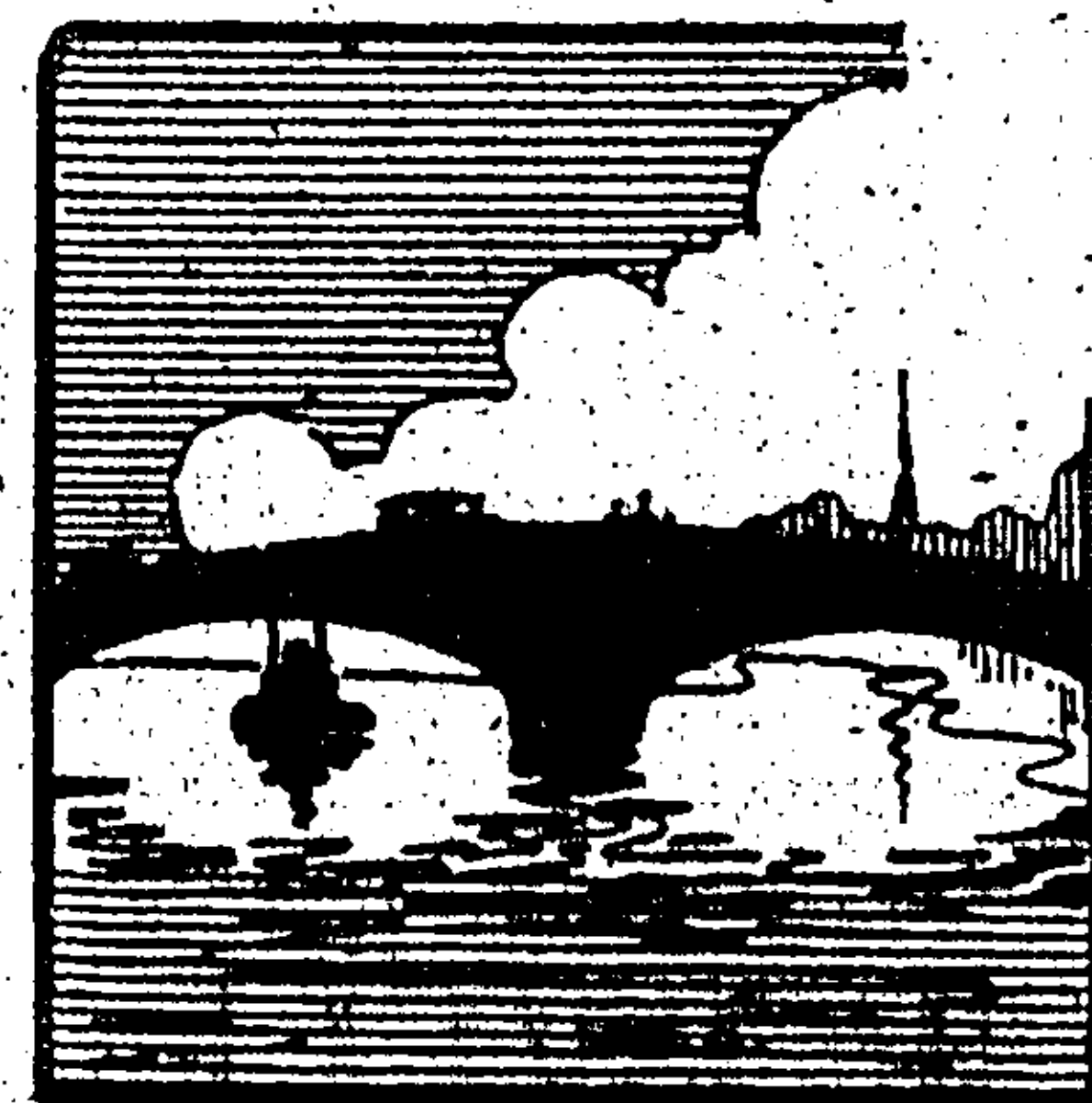
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Paris, To-day.

The Paris newspapers continue to support a firm policy against Germany.

"Le Temps" says that all the Democracies are bound to examine the possibilities of preventing the greater part of Europe from coming under German domination.

"Humanite," the Communist organ, supports the Government's policy.

M. de Kerolis, the Right Wing opponent of the Government, says that all political parties must get together. There must be no political controversy.

CORDIALITY IN WARSAW

Warsaw, To-day.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, in a speech last night at a banquet in honour of the British trade mission, was warmly applauded when he said that the political as well as the economic fields these days found Britain and Poland facing problems of common concern.

The British delegation has been received with marked cordiality.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM JAPAN

Budapest, To-day.

The Japanese military attache, Col. Wakamatu, yesterday presented

NEW AUSTRALIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Canberra, To-day.

The former Premier and Attorney-General, Mr. W. M. Hughes, was yesterday sworn in as Federal Attorney-General in succession to Mr. R. G. Menzies, who resigned owing to his opposition to Mr. Lyons' policy.

The appointment, it is stated, is only temporary.

LITHUANIAN CABINET MEETING

Kaunas, To-day.

The official Lithuanian news agency "Elta" published last evening a denial of the foreign press reports that the Lithuanian Premier Mironas, after receiving the Polish Minister on Saturday, had convened a meeting of Cabinet in which the question of closer co-operation with Poland was discussed.

The news agency states that the conversation between Premier Mironas and the Polish Minister was concerned with current affairs and that the question of relations between Lithuania and Poland was not referred to at the Cabinet Council. — Trans-Ocean.

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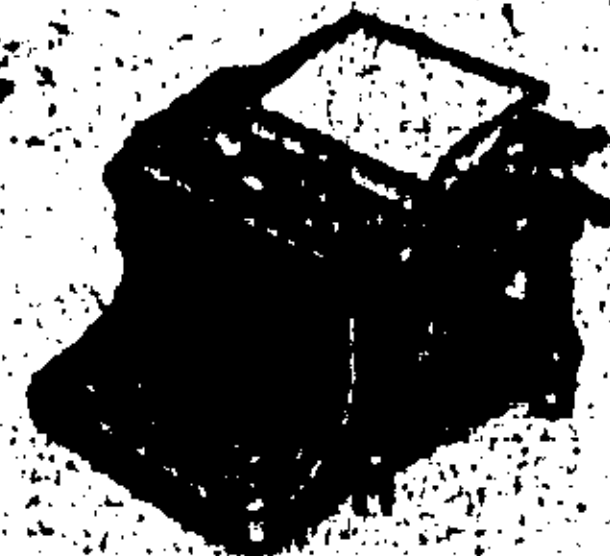
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